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NO PRETTY GRAPHICS
ISN'T THAT A SHAME
BUT HEY YOU'RE READING THE
MANGA SO I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE
SOME

YOURS TRULY - LAKAY

BUTSU
ZONE
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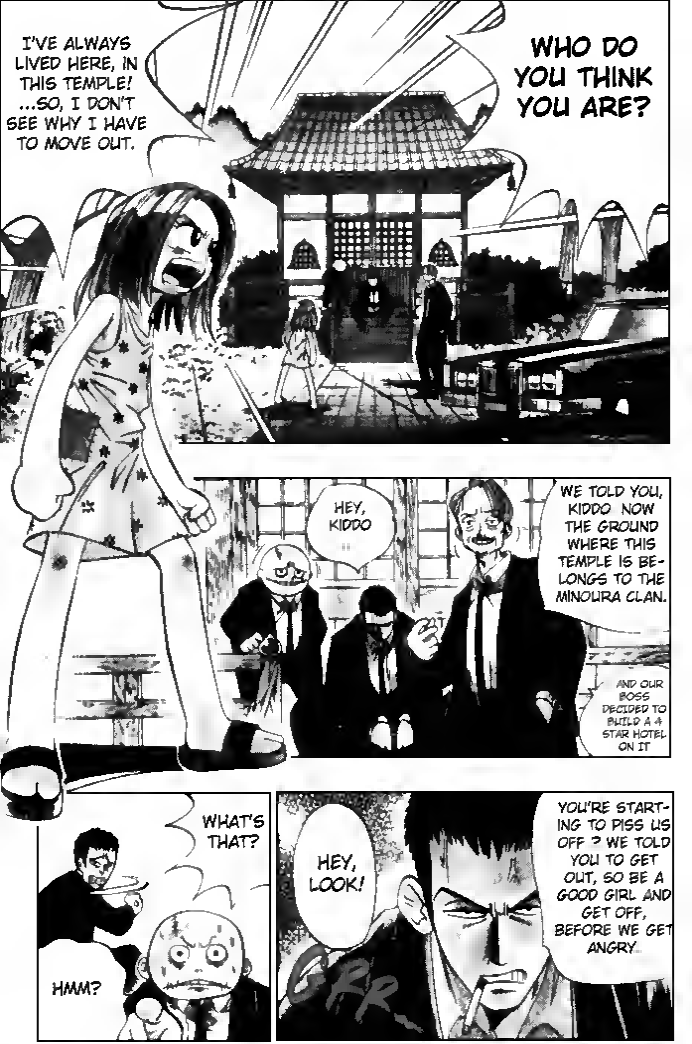
"THROUGH THIS STORY, WHICH PRESENTS A LOT OF CHARACTERS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE BENEVOLENCE AND FRIENDSHIP ALL BUDDHAS HAVE WHEN THEY APPEAR ON EARTH TO FIGHT EVIL."

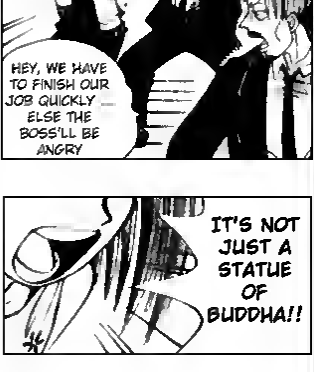
BUTSU 1 -
WHEN YOU SEE A STATUE OF BUDDHA, REMEMBER HE WAS A REAL HERO!!

TIME :
PRESENT
LOCATION :
A SMALL
THERMAL
SPA
ENOUGH, NOW!
TEMPLE
SAI-GAN
GOOD EVENING

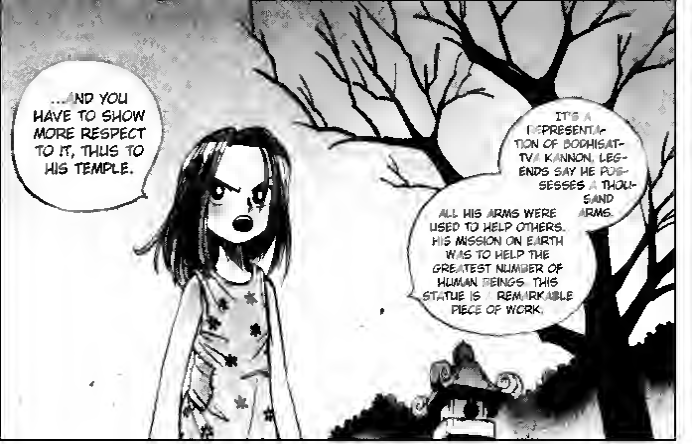

I'VE ALWAYS LIVED HERE, IN THIS TEMPLE! ...SO, I DON'T SEE WHY I HAVE TO MOVE OUT.
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
HEY, KIDDO
WE TOLD YOU, KIDDO NOW THE GROUND WHERE THIS TEMPLE IS BELONGS TO THE MINOURA CLAN.
AND OUR BOSS DECIDED TO BUILD A 4 STAR HOTEL ON IT
WHAT'S THAT?
HMM?
HEY, LOOK!
GRR
YOU'RE STARTING TO PISS US OFF ? WE TOLD YOU TO GET OUT, SO BE A GOOD GIRL AND GET OFF, BEFORE WE GET ANGRY.

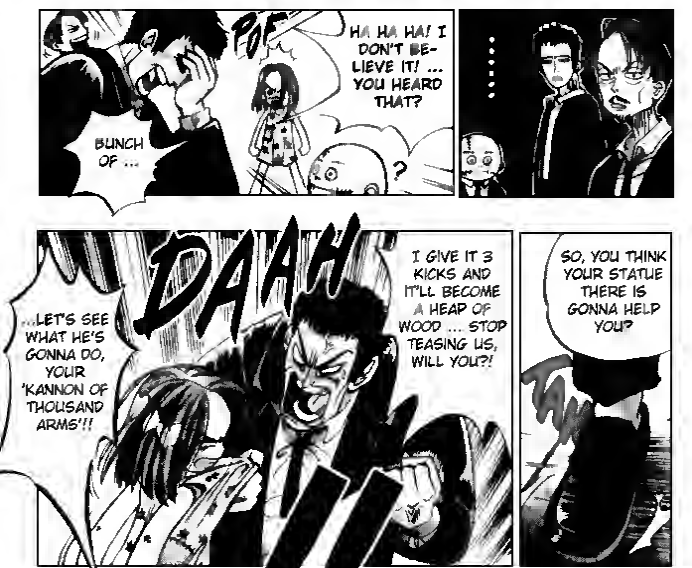
BAH...

BUT WHY DOES IT HAVE SO MANY ARMS?
GAH
...IT'S ONLY A STATUE OF BUDDHA, EGGHEAD.
HEY, WE HAVE TO FINISH OUR JOB QUICKLY — ELSE THE BOSS'LL BE ANGRY


IT'S NOT JUST A STATUE OF BUDDHA!!

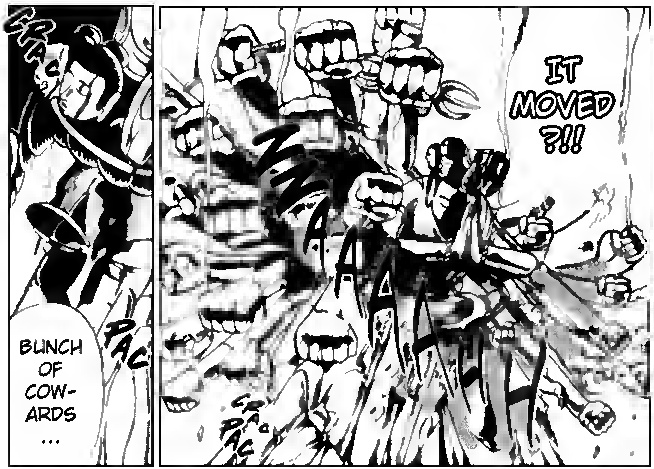
BUDDHA


...AND YOU HAVE TO SHOW MORE RESPECT TO IT, THUS TO HIS TEMPLE.
IT'S A REPRESENTATION OF BODHISATTVA KANNON. LEGENDS SAY HE POSSESSES A THOUSAND ARMS.
ALL HIS ARMS WERE USED TO HELP OTHERS. HIS MISSION ON EARTH WAS TO HELP THE GREATEST NUMBER OF HUMAN BEINGS. THIS STATUE IS A REMARKABLE PIECE OF WORK.


POF
BUNCH OF ...
HA HA HA! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ... YOU HEARD THAT?
.....
DAAH
...LET'S SEE WHAT HE'S GONNA DO, YOUR 'KANNON OF THOUSAND ARMS'!!!
I GIVE IT 3 KICKS AND IT'LL BECOME A HEAP OF WOOD ... STOP TEASING US, WILL YOU?!
SO, YOU THINK YOUR STATUE THERE IS GONNA HELP YOU?

PA

PA


BUNCH OF COW-ARDS ...
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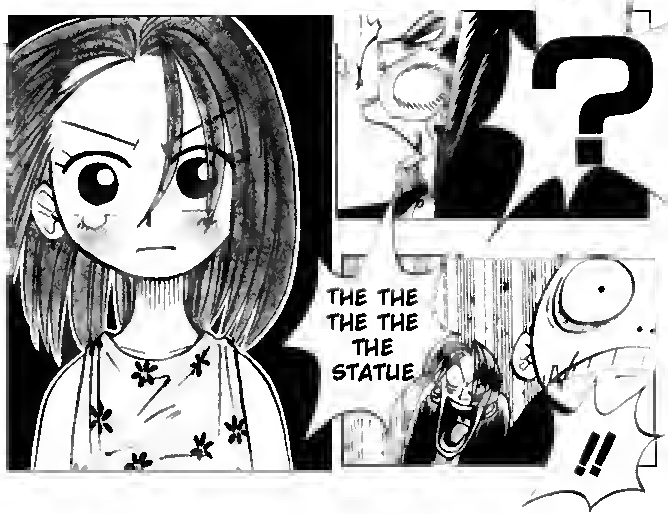
IT MOVED ?!!
AAAAAH
PAC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THE THE THE THE THE STATUE
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BY WHAT RIGHT DO YOU DARE TO TOUCH A YOUNG GIRL?
FA!

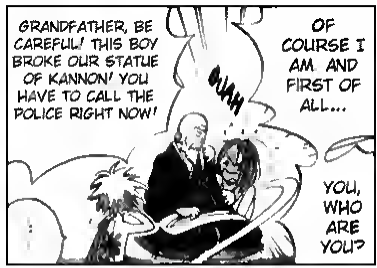
YOU'RE UNHURT?
I'M SENNJU I'M AN EMISSARY OF BODHISATTVA-KANNON PLEASED TO MEET YOU
I COME FROM THE BUDDHAS'S LAND...
HE'S A GHOST!!
WHAT? THERE'S A KID IN THE STATUE
OUAAH
REALLY STUPID
WE'LL BE BACK!
VROOO
HUH
AAH
ROAR ROAR
HUUH ?

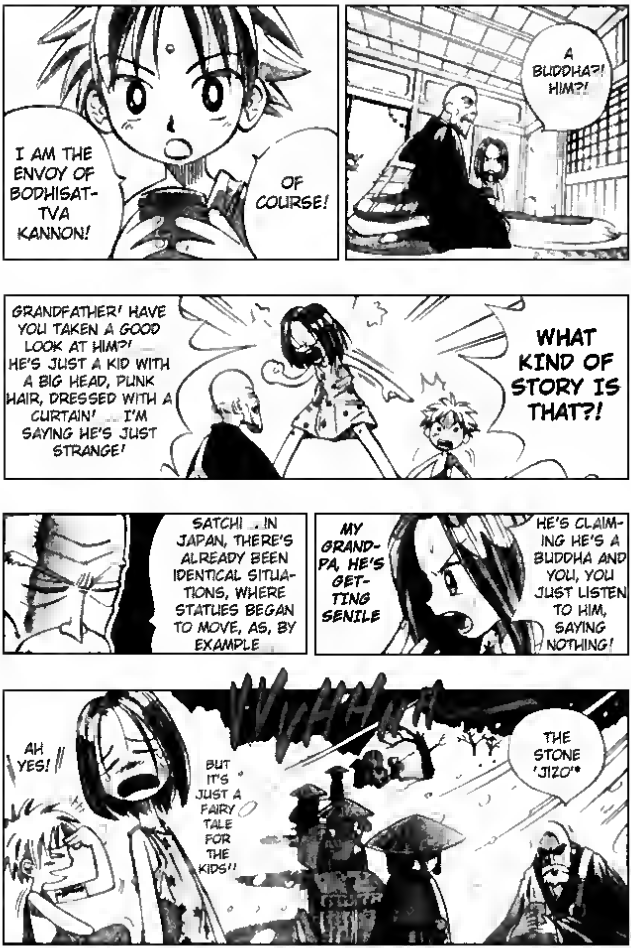
HMM ...
AHH, SATCHI ... YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE ...
DAH!
HELP!!
GRAND-FATHER!
HE HE
HE HE
I JUST CAME BACK I RECEIVED A LOT OF OFFERINGS TODAY --
WHEN I ARRIVED, YOU WERE STILL HAVING NIGHTMARES
THIS WAS --
-- A DREAM?

I SAW OUR PRETTY STATUE OF KANNON MOVE, AND ...
IT WAS REALLY STRANGE I'VE NEVER HAD DREAMS LIKE THAT!

HAHAHA
YOU LOOK SURPRISED
AAAAHH! BUT, WHAT'S HE DOING HERE, HIM!! ...IT'S HIM, HE'S THE ONE WHO WAS IN THE STATUE IN MY DREAM!! BUT ... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

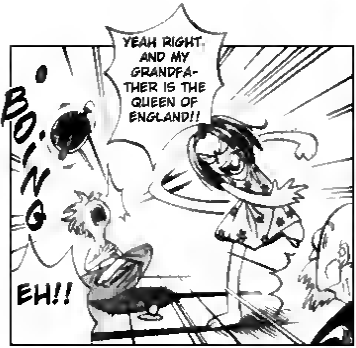
APOLOGIZE, PLEASE!
SATCHI! WE HAVE TO SHOW SOME RESPECT TOWARDS ALL BUDDHAS!


GRANDFATHER, BE CAREFUL! THIS BOY BROKE OUR STATUE OF KANNON! YOU HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE RIGHT NOW!
OF COURSE I AM AND FIRST OF ALL...
YOU, WHO ARE YOU?


I AM THE ENVOY OF BODHISAT-TVA KANNON!
OF COURSE!
A BUDDHA?! HIM?!
GRANDFATHER! HAVE YOU TAKEN A GOOD LOOK AT HIM?! HE'S JUST A KID WITH A BIG HEAD, PUNK HAIR, DRESSED WITH A CURTAIN! I'M SAYING HE'S JUST STRANGE!
WHAT KIND OF STORY IS THAT?!
SATCHI ... IN JAPAN, THERE'S ALREADY BEEN IDENTICAL SITUATIONS, WHERE STATUES BEGAN TO MOVE, AS, BY EXAMPLE
MY GRAND-PA, HE'S GET-TING SENILE
HE'S CLAIM-ING HE'S A BUDDHA AND YOU, YOU JUST LISTEN TO HIM, SAYING NOTHING!
AH YES!
BUT IT'S JUST A FAIRY TALE FOR THE KIDS!!
THE STONE 'JIZO'*

*CHARACTERS OF BOUDDHIC PANTHEON, PROTECTOR OF THE CHILDREN AND THE TRAVELLERS

"BUTSU-ZONE"?! WHAT'S THAT?!
YES! AND IT'S A MOST FAMOUS STORY OF THE 'BUTSU-ZONE'!
IN NORMAL TIMES, BUDDHAS LIVE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, BUDDHAS' COUNTRY ...
THERE OUR SPIRIT IS PROTECTED AND PRESERVED BUT TO COME ON EARTH AND TO MOVE ON IT WE MUST HAVE A BODY, SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANYMORE OVER THERE. TO COME HERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THE EASIEST WAY IS TO BORROW THE "SHAPE" OF A STATUE...
WE MELT WITH ITS MATERIAL AND THUS WE COULD MOVE FREELY — THIS "SPACE" WE CREATE BETWEEN OUR WORLD AND YOURS, THANKS TO THAT LITTLE "SOMETHING"


YEAH RIGHT. AND MY GRANDFATHER IS THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND!!
BOING
EH!!

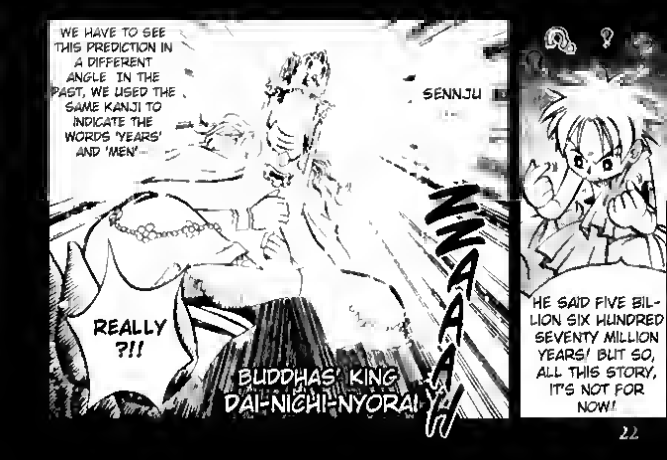
OH, IT'S THE BUTSU-ZONE!
I'M AN INHABITANT OF THE 'BUTSU-ZONE'

YOU CLAIM TO BE A BUDDHA, VERY WELL! SO, EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT A BUDDHA IS DOING HERE!!
GRR
WHAT'S THAT RIDICULOUS STORY?! THERE'S A LIMIT TO PEOPLE'S CREDULITY!! MY GRANDFATHER MAY BE A SENILE OLD FOOL, BUT I, ON THE OTHER HAND, AM NOT CRAZY!
SA-TCHI
OH

A WHILE AGO, OUR KING, THE GREAT NYORAI, ENTRUSTED ME WITH AN IMPORTANT MISSION...
HUM WELL ...
REALLY!! YOU WANT ME TO PROTECT MIROKOU?!

BUDDHAS'S LAND - HOKKAI HALL
THERE'S BARELY ANY PERMISSION TO US, BUDDHAS, TO GO DOWN ON EARTH... I HOPE YOU REALIZE HOW GREAT AN OPPORTUNITY THIS IS
YES ... THE GREAT NYORAI HAS DECIDED TO ENTRUST YOU WITH THIS HEAVY TASK
POH!
KING OF MAGIC SCIENCES, OF LOVE AND BENEVOLENCE
AIZENN
KING OF MAGIC SCIENCES, OF GOOD AND COURAGE
FUDO
IDIOT!
WHO'S THAT, 'MIROKOU'?
HUM ...
BY THE WAY...

HERE'S THE GREAT SHAKYAMUNI'S SUCCESSOR. HE'S THE "SAVIOR OF THE FUTURE".
THE BODHI-SATTVA MIROKOU
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT MIROKOU IS THE BUDDHA WHO WILL COME BACK ON EARTH FIVE BILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY MILLION YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF BUDDHA SHAKYAMUNI? AND HE'LL GET THE MISSION TO SAVE ALL THE HUMANS?
BUDDHA SHAKYAMUNI LIVED 2500 YEARS AGO. HE'S THE HISTORICAL FOUNDER OF BUDDHISM


WE HAVE TO SEE THIS PREDICTION IN A DIFFERENT ANGLE IN THE PAST, WE USED THE SAME KANJI TO INDICATE THE WORDS 'YEARS' AND 'MEN'—
SENNJU
NNAAAAA
REALLY ?!!
BUDDHAS' KING DAI-NICHI-NYORAI
?
HE SAID FIVE BILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY MILLION YEARS! BUT SO, ALL THIS STORY, IT'S NOT FOR NOW!

THE HUMAN POPULATION HAS JUST REACHED THE NUMBER OF FIVE BILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY MILLION...
MONEY AND MATERIAL POSSESSIONS! POWER, WISH AND GREED IN ALL ITS FORMS! THAT'S WHAT LEAD MEN'S MAJORITY... THAT'S WHAT LEAD THEM ON THE ROAD TO RUIN... AND THERE'S THE ORIGIN OF ALL THE WARS AMONGST THEM
SHAKYAMUNI APPEARED ON EARTH ONLY 2500 YEARS AGO... BUT MEN HAVE ALREADY FORGOTTEN ALL HIS TEACHINGS... THEY CONSUME THEMSELVES EACH DAY IN THE FLAMES OF WISH AND AMBITION...
MIROKU IS ALREADY ON EARTH. HOWEVER, AT THIS MOMENT, IN HIS HUMAN FORM, HE HAS NOT REACHED ENLIGHTENMENT. FOR NOW HE LIVES AS AN ORDINARY MAN...
YOU WILL HAVE TO PROTECT MIROKU AND HELP HIM IN THE WAY OF ENLIGHTENMENT...

NO WAY!!
SO, THE GREAT MIROKU HAS ALREADY BEEN REINCARNATED?!
BAR AGAGA BAR

"AND YOU'LL HAVE TO PROTECT HUMANS TOO"
THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME!

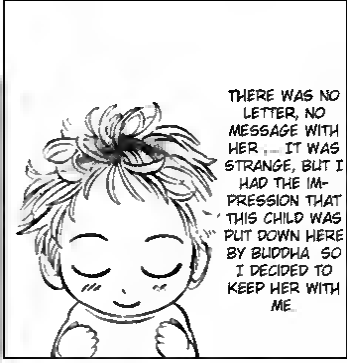
IF THE BUDDHAS EXIST...

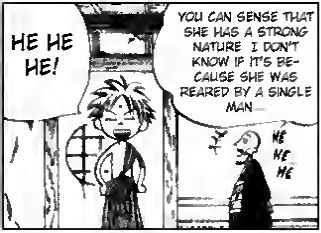
BE-CAUSE...

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, NOR WHERE YOU COME FROM, BUT THERE'S ONE THING I'M SURE ABOUT. IT'S THAT YOU'RE NOT A BUDDHA!!
...OF COURSE NOT!!
SATCHI, ENOUGH ALREADY!

WHY HAVE I HAD TO HAVE TO LIVE IN AN OLD TEMPLE AND THAT WE ARE SO POOR?! I DON'T FIND IT FAIR!!
WHY HAVE THEY LEFT ME LIKE THIS?!
WHY HAVE I NEVER HAD A DAD AND A MOM?!

SATCHI
...
WAIT
...
I DON'T BELIEVE BUDDHAS EXIST! AND I NEVER BELIEVED THAT!
AND BY THE WAY, I DON'T CARE ANY-MORE! I'M GOING TO SLEEP!
SATCHI IS A LITTLE ORPHAN SHE'S BEEN ABANDONNED BY HER PARENTS
IT'S TRUE THAT LIFE HASN'T BEEN EASY ON HER
I WAS OUT TO RING THE BELL IN ORDER TO AN-NOUNCE THE NEW YEAR, AND I FOUND SATCHI LAYING THERE IN A LITTLE BASKET
I TOOK HER IN A LITTLE MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO IT WAS A NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENING IT WAS SNOWING A LOT THAT DAY

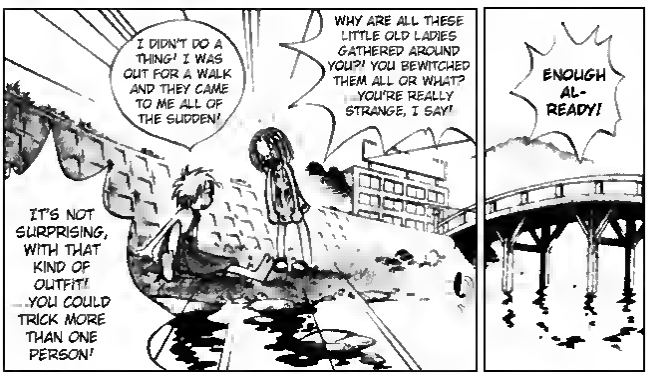

THERE WAS NO LETTER, NO MESSAGE WITH HER ... IT WAS STRANGE, BUT I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS CHILD WAS PUT DOWN HERE BY BUDDHA SO I DECIDED TO KEEP HER WITH ME.

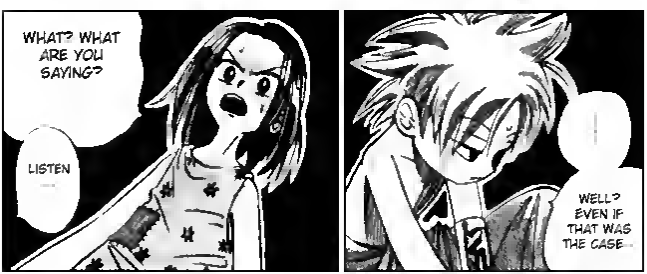

HE HE HE!
YOU CAN SENSE THAT SHE HAS A STRONG NATURE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE SHE WAS REARED BY A SINGLE MAN...
HE HE HE

.....
HE HE

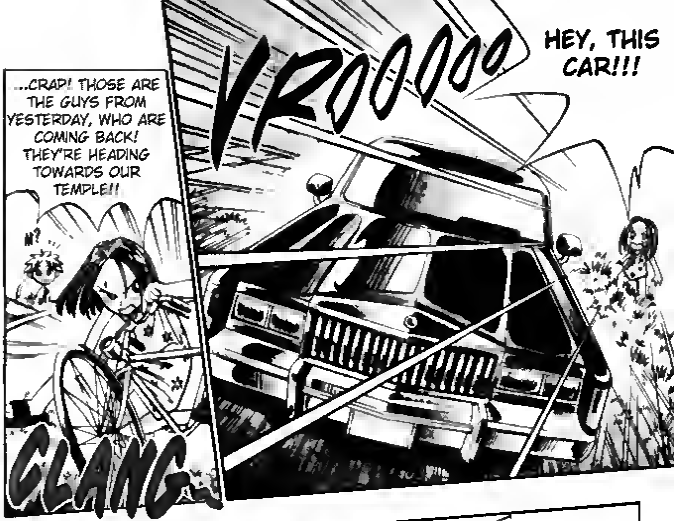
I WAS SO IRRITATED, LAST NIGHT THAT I COULDN'T SLEEP AT ALL!
FFFHH
SLEEP
HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN SENT BY KANNON, BUT HE'S ONLY GOT TWO ARMS, LIKE EVERYBODY!
I AM SENNJU
WHAT AN IDIOT!
AH, GOOD MORNING MADAM!
GROCERY STORE
HEY, GOOD MORNING SATCHI! YOU'RE FINISHING YOUR MILK DELIVERY? YOU'RE SO HARDWORKING EVEN AT YOUR AGE!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
LOOK!
BY THE WAY WHO'S THE CUTE LITTLE KID? HE SAID HE COMES FROM YOUR TEMPLE. HE'S ALREADY VERY POPULAR!

THANKS THANKS BUDDHA IS GREAT
GAAAH~

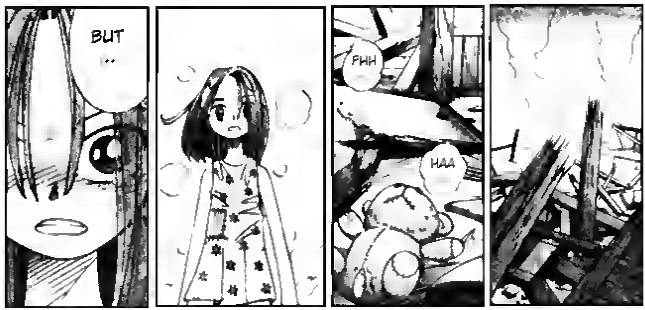

I DIDN'T DO A THING! I WAS OUT FOR A WALK AND THEY CAME TO ME ALL OF THE SUDDEN!
WHY ARE ALL THESE LITTLE OLD LADIES GATHERED AROUND YOU?! YOU BEWITCHED THEM ALL OR WHAT? ...YOU'RE REALLY STRANGE, I SAY!
ENOUGH AL-READY!
IT'S NOT SURPRISING, WITH THAT KIND OF OUTFIT! ...YOU COULD TRICK MORE THAN ONE PERSON!


WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
LISTEN ...
WELL? EVEN IF THAT WAS THE CASE...

ALL THESE LITTLE GRANDMOTHERS FEEL GREAT WHEN THEY PRAY
PRAYING CALMS THEIR SPIRIT... AND AT THAT MOMENT, THEY'RE AT PEACE WITH ALL THAT'S AROUND THEM
DEPENDING ON HOW YOU CONSIDER IT, AND IN WHICH AIM YOU DO IT, THE PRAYER COULD TAKE DIFFERENT NATURES
HE HEE
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
VROOOM
!
AND YOU REALLY MAKE ME WANT TO VOMIT!
I UNDERSTOOD NOTHING!
GRRR
WHAT IS THIS "VOMEET"?


...CRAP! THOSE ARE THE GUYS FROM YESTERDAY, WHO ARE COMING BACK! THEY'RE HEADING TOWARDS OUR TEMPLE!!
M?
GLANG
VROOOO
HEY, THIS CAR!!!

HUMM
ZOH
WE HAVE TO HURRY!!


BUT ...
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HAA

OUR TEMPLE!!
MIGNOLA
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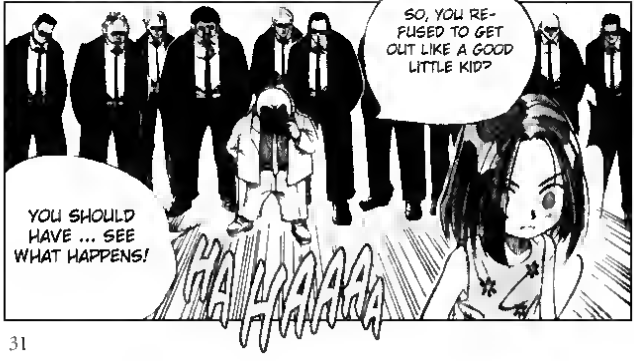
SO, YOU REFUSED TO GET OUT LIKE A GOOD LITTLE KID?
YOU SHOULD HAVE ... SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
GHAAAAAA

MIKE MINOURA, THE BOSS OF THE MINOURA CLAN!!
YEAH, THAT'S ME! LET ME REMIND YOU THAT I'M THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THIS TOWN
!!
BY THE WAY ...IT APPEARS YOU WEREN'T VERY FRIENDLY WITH MY TRAINEE YESTERDAY
TELL ME KID ...WHERE'S THE LITTLE BOY WHO WAS WITH YOU YESTERDAY? ... I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH HIM
GRRR
!
HOLA!
LEAVE MY GRANDFATHER ALONE!
POH
GAH

THERE'S NO WAY I WILL LET A KID RIDICULE OUR CLAN!!
SHUT UP!!
HE DIDN'T REALLY ASSAULT US
BOSS ... LISTEN, IT DOESN'T MATTER
YOUR HIRED MEN MANAGED TO RIDICULE THEMSELVES VERY WELL THEY WERE ON THEIR OWN... IMPRESSED BY JUST A LITTLE BOY WITH A BATH SHEET AROUND HIS WAIST THAT'S NOT SMART
PAF
!
SHUT UP!!
GRR
AND FOR THAT, YOU CAME TO DESTROY OUR TEMPLE?! BUNCH OF COWARDS!
STAY QUIET, OLD MAN!
SATCH!
NASTY LITTLE SNAKE ! ONE MORE WORD IN FRONT OF ME, AND I'LL HAVE YOU WHACKED, UNDERSTOOD?!!
HEY!
GEH
!
SATCH!! DON'T!

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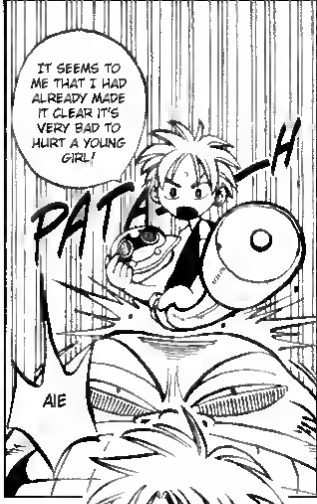
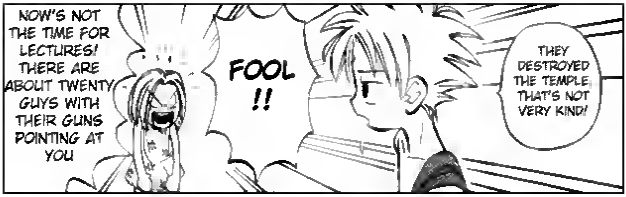

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT I HAD ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR IT'S VERY BAD TO HURT A YOUNG GIRL!
PATA-
-H
AIE

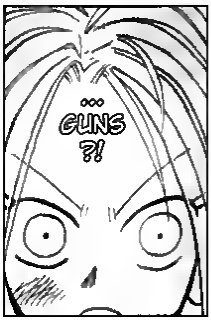
SO, YESTERDAY ..IT WAS YOU...?!
...!!

SENNJU, BE CARE-FUL!!


NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR LECTURES! THERE ARE ABOUT TWENTY GUYS WITH THEIR GUNS POINTING AT YOU
FOOL !!
THEY DESTROYED THE TEMPLE. THAT'S NOT VERY KIND!

TO A BIG SHOT LIKE ME HAVING MY MEN WHACK YOU IS AS SIMPLE AS HAVING THEM BRING ME THE NEWPAPER
GRR

HE HE... THAT WASN'T SMART! NOW
I'M REALLY ANGRY!! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE MESSING WITH KID?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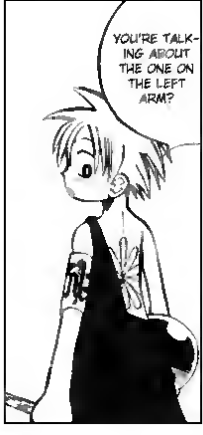
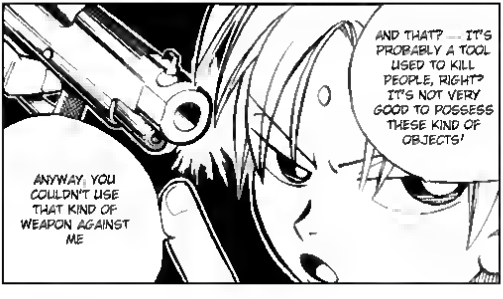
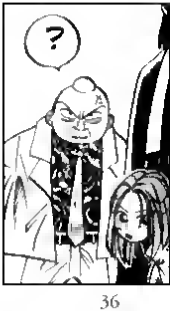

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ONE ON THE LEFT ARM?

WHAT'S THAT, THAT JEWEL YOU'RE WEARING ON YOUR ARM?

GLING
IT'S A KIND OF TRANSMITTER WHICH HAS THE FACULTY TO INSTANTLY MAKE MY PROTECTIVE ARMOR APPEAR
IT'S ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ARMORS OF THE BUTSU-ZONE


AND THAT? — IT'S PROBABLY A TOOL USED TO KILL PEOPLE, RIGHT? IT'S NOT VERY GOOD TO POSSESS THESE KIND OF OBJECTS!
ANYWAY, YOU COULDN'T USE THAT KIND OF WEAPON AGAINST ME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KILL HIM! SHOOT THIS LITTLE FOOL FOR ME!
HAHAAAA
YOU'RE REALLY SO SILLY! YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND !
GRRR
HA HA HA
PAN
PAN
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HA HA HAAAA
NO! SENNJU

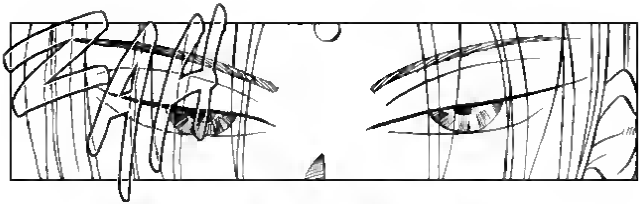
WHAAAT? BUT, THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!
TAH
WHAT? THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!

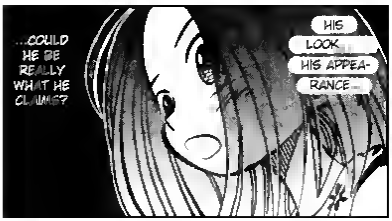
!!
HH
HA HA! SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DARE DEFY ME!
GAAH
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, CROOK!!
HA HA
HA HA
AH? AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?
HMMM ??

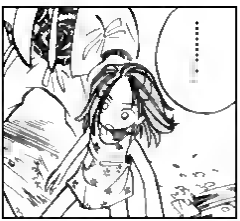
HERE'S THE HOLY ARMOR OF BODHISATTVA-KANNON!!
BY JOINING MY HANDS AND PRAYING SINCERELY, I CAN MAKE THIS MYSTICAL ARMOR APPEAR...
AN ARMOR ...? BUT ...
WH WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

TAH TAH
TAH TAH
TAH TAH

JE SUIS APPARU DANS LA BUTSUDAN POUR AIDER LES ÊTRES HUMAINS QUI EN ONT BESOIN !!
JE SUIS SENJYU, ÉMISSAIRE DU BODDHISATVA KANNON, LE BOUDDHA AUX MILLE BRAS !!
I APPEARED IN THE BUTSUDAN TO HELP THE HUMAN BEINGS WHO ARE IN NEED!!
I AM SENJYU, EMISSARY OF THE BODDHISATVA KANNON, THE BUDDHA WITH A THOUSAND ARMS!!




...COULD HE BE REALLY WHAT HE CL..UMS?
HIS LOOK... HIS APPEA- RANCE...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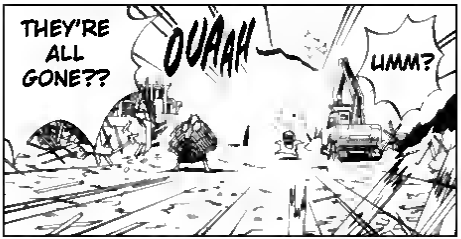
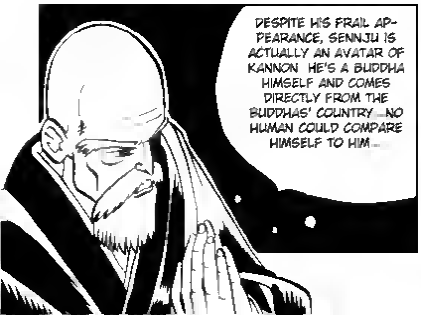
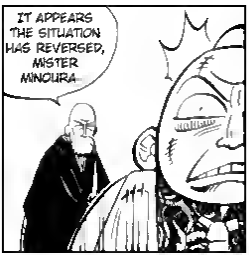
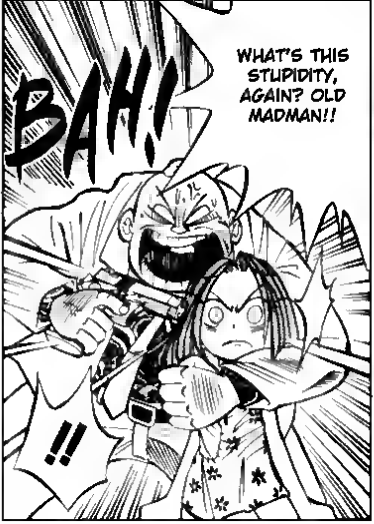

THEY'RE ALL GONE??
OUAAH
UMM?

HURRY UP! BUNCH OF LOSERS! GRAB HIM IMMEDIATELY!


DESPITE HIS FRAIL AP- PEARANCE, SENNJU IS ACTUALLY AN AVATAR OF KANNON. HE'S A BUDDHA HIMSELF AND COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE BUDDHAS' COUNTRY...NO HUMAN COULD COMPARE HIMSELF TO HIM...


IT APPEARS THE SITUATION HAS REVERSED, MISTER MINOURA...


BAH!
WHAT'S THIS STUPIDITY, AGAIN? OLD MADMAN!!
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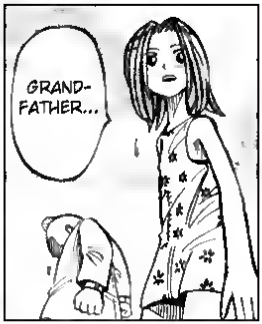
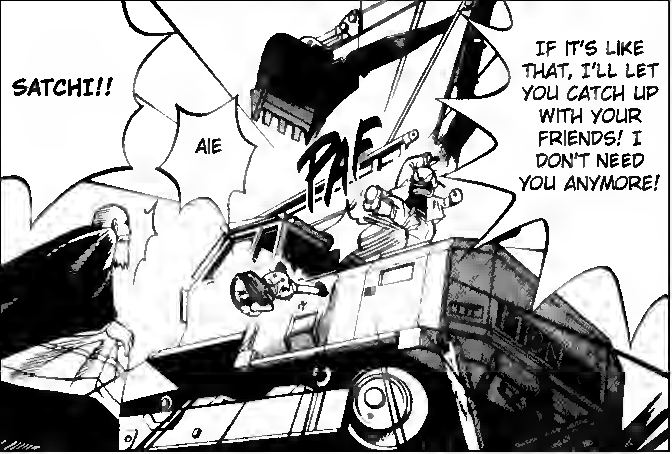
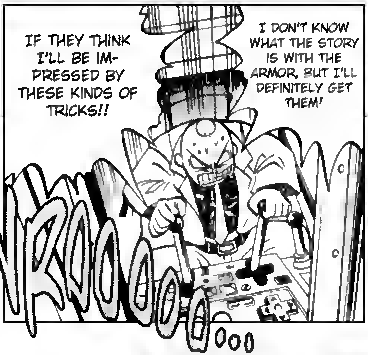

GRAND-FATHER...

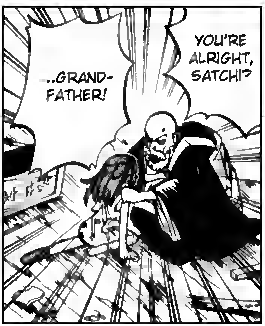
...A BUDDHA ?

DON'T MAKE A GESTURE! AND DON'T MOVE FORWARD! ...I'LL TAKE THE KID WITH ME!!
HA HA
AAAH! LITTLE DEVIL! YOU BIT MY HAND!!

SATCH!!


SATCHI!!
AIE
PAF
IF IT'S LIKE THAT, I'LL LET YOU CATCH UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS! I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE!

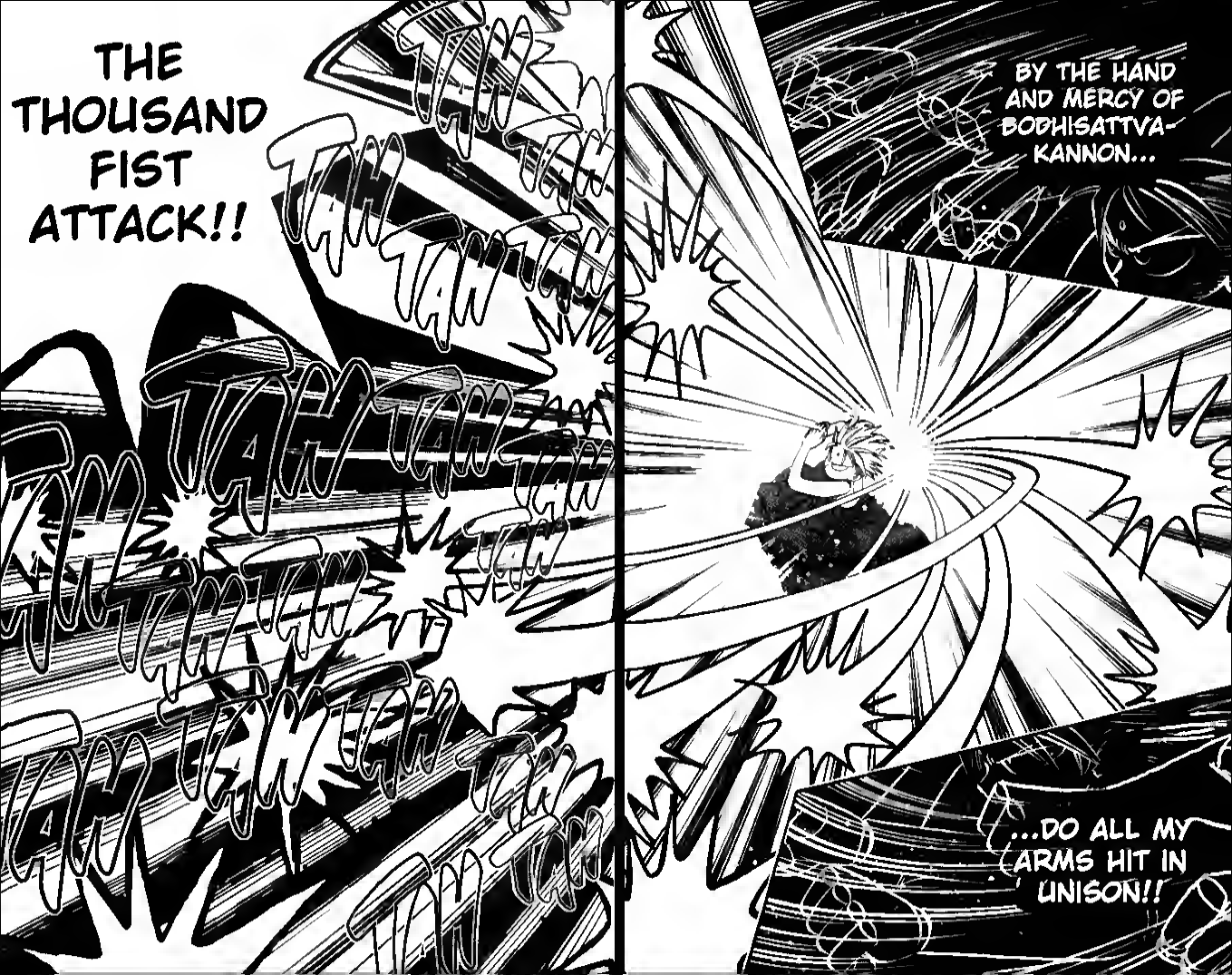

IF THEY THINK I'LL BE IMPRESSED BY THESE KINDS OF TRICKS!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STORY IS WITH THE ARMOR, BUT I'LL DEFINITELY GET THEM!
VROOOOOOOO

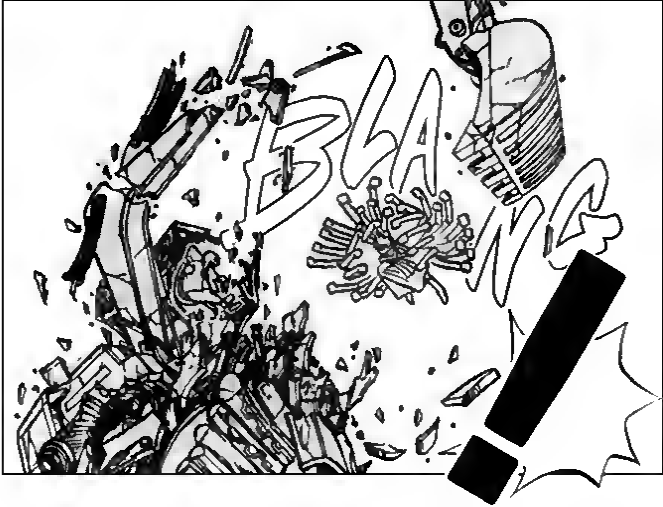

..GRANDFATHER!
YOU'RE ALRIGHT, SATCHI?

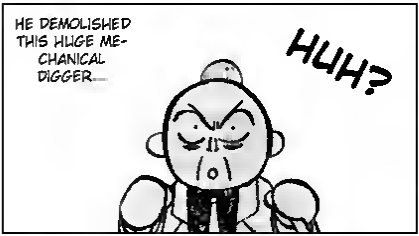
SO, EVEN IF THIS KID CLAIMS TO BE A BUDDHA WHO'S APPEARED ON EARTH...
IN OUR WORLD, THERE ARE NO GODS NOR BUDDHAS! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT!

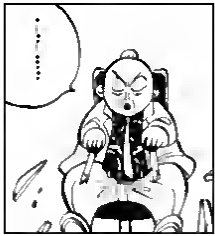
I'LL KILL THEM ALL!!
IT WON'T SAVE HIM FROM DYING!!
CRAC CRAC

ZZAAA
MAIS JE CONNAIS LA JUSTICE ET LA COLÈRE... SELF-DÉFENSE PERMET DU LUTTER CONTRE L'INJUSTICE !
BODHISATTVA-KANNON THE EMBODIMENT OF MERCY —
HIS HEART ONLY KNOWS KINDNESS AND BENEVOLENCE
HUH ?!?
BUT HE KNOWS ANGER TOO! THAT WHICH ALLOWS ONE TO FIGHT AGAINST INJUSTICE!
ZZAAH
AMONGST THE TEN MOST SERIOUS OFFENSES A MAN COULD DO, SHAKYAMUNI QUOTE OFTEN THE ONE WHICH CONSISTS OF KILLING ANOTHER MAN!
SO I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO LET YOU LOSE YOURSELF! I CAN'T LET YOU COMMIT THIS HEINOUS OFFENSE!
ZZAAH


THE THOUSAND FIST ATTACK!!
TAH TAH TAH
TAH TAH TAH
TAH TAH TAH
TAH TAH TAH
BY THE HAND AND MERCY OF BODHISATTVA-KANNON...
...DO ALL MY ARMS HIT IN UNISON!!


BLANG!


HE DEMOLISHED THIS HUGE MECHANICAL DIGGER...
HUH?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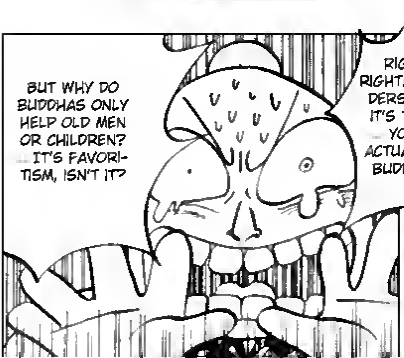
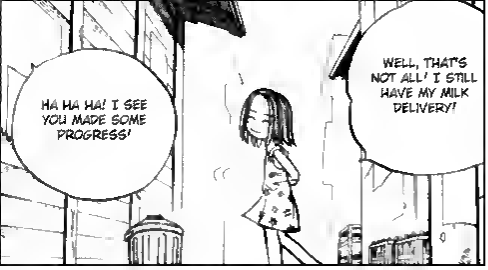
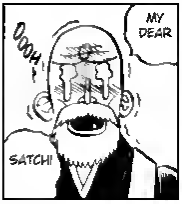

BUT WHY DO BUDDHAS ONLY HELP OLD MEN OR CHILDREN? ...IT'S FAVORITISM, ISN'T IT?

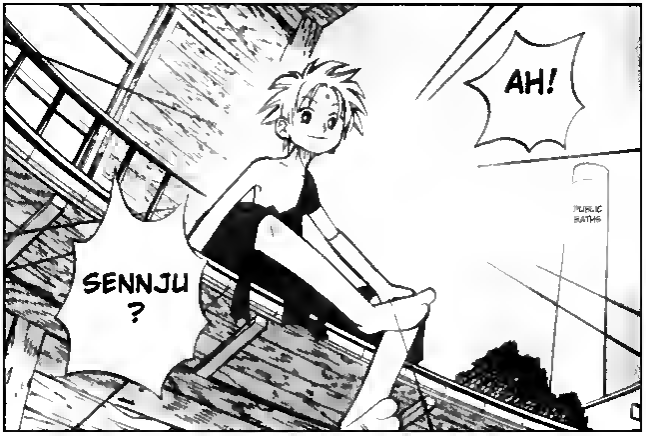
RIGHT, RIGHT! I UNDERSTAND, IT'S TRUE! ...YOU'RE ACTUALLY A BUDDHA!!
!
GH

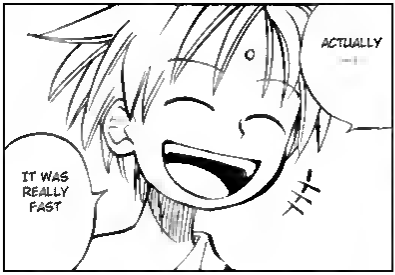
YOU MAY NOT REALIZE IT, BUT THE SEVERITY MAY BE THE EXPRESSION OF BENEVOLENCE TOO. IN THAT CASE, EVEN IF YOU DON'T REALIZE IT, I COULD HELP YOU...
YOU HAVE A WRONG UNDERSTANDING OF THINGS. YOU DON'T SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE
IF YOU PERSIST IN THIS WAY, UNFORTUNATELY YOU'LL END UP IN HELL...
SENNJU...
HE'S DEFINITELY AS HE'S DESCRIBED IN THE BUDDHIC TEXTS. "HIS BENEVOLENCE IS INFINITE"...
THAT, THAT'S AMAZING!
MY HERO...
OOOH! INCREDIBLE!

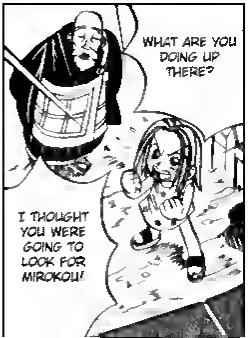
FINALLY, THE TEMPLE WE LIVED IN WAS WAY TOO OLD. IT'S BETTER LIKE THIS
SORRY, SATCHI I COULDN'T FIND A BIGGER HOUSE
HOOOO, YOU'RE SO POSITIVE SUDDENLY
IT'S TRUE I WASN'T REARED BY MY DADDY AND MY MOMMY
.....
OH WELL
I UNDERSTAND WHAT SENNJU TRIED TO TELL ME
I DIDN'T KNOW WE COULD BECOME SO HAPPY. JUST BY CHANGING OUR OUTLOOK ON THINGS
...BUT IN COMPENSATION I WAS LUCKY TO BE REARED BY THE MOST WONDERFUL GRANDFATHER ON EARTH!

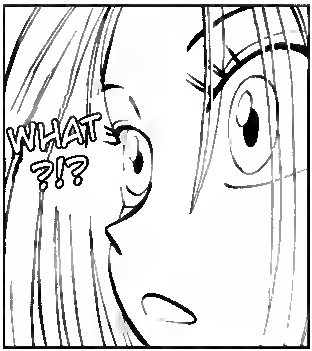

HA HA HA! I SEE YOU MADE SOME PROGRESS!
WELL, THAT'S NOT ALL! I STILL HAVE MY MILK DELIVERY!

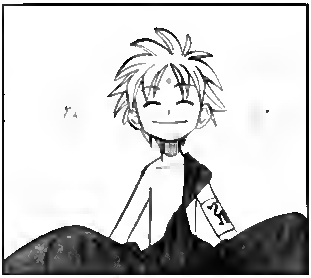

MY DEAR
OOOH!
SATCH!

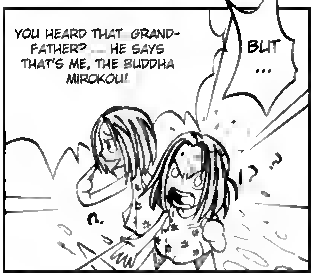

AH!
PUBLIC BATHS
SENNJU ?

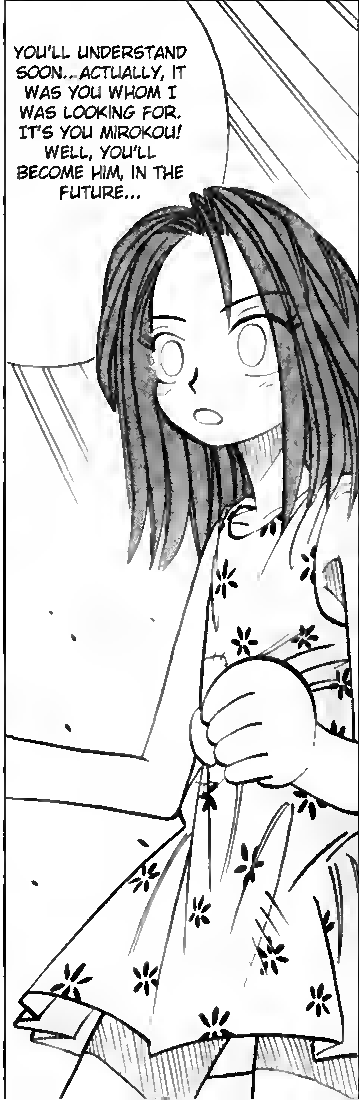

ACTUALLY
IT WAS REALLY FAST

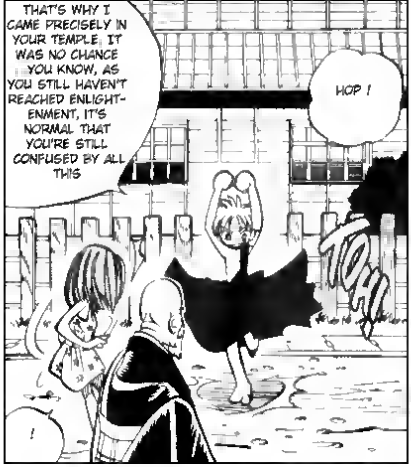

WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO LOOK FOR MIROKU!


WHAT?!?




YOU HEARD THAT GRANDFATHER? ... HE SAYS THAT'S ME, THE BUDDHA MIROKU!
BUT ...

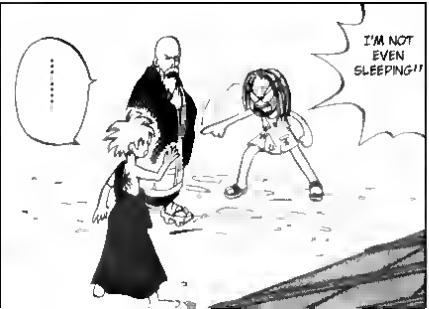

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND SOON... ACTUALLY, IT WAS YOU WHOM I WAS LOOKING FOR. IT'S YOU MIROKU! WELL, YOU'LL BECOME HIM, IN THE FUTURE...


THAT'S WHY I CAME PRECISELY IN YOUR TEMPLE. IT WAS NO CHANCE ... YOU KNOW, AS YOU STILL HAVEN'T REACHED ENLIGHTENMENT, IT'S NORMAL THAT YOU'RE STILL CONFUSED BY ALL THIS
HOP !
TOK!
!

MY LITTLE SATCHI SHE'S THE BUDDHA MIROKU!
HEY!
THANKS
THANKS
HE'S GONE CRAZY AGAIN!

SO...
...WE BOTH WILL HAVE TO GO ON A JOURNEY!

MY TASK IS TO ACCOMPANY YOU AT THE LOCATION WHERE YOU COULD AWAKEN


.....
I'M NOT EVEN SLEEPING!!

HUUM?
WHY DO I HAVE TO WAKE UP?

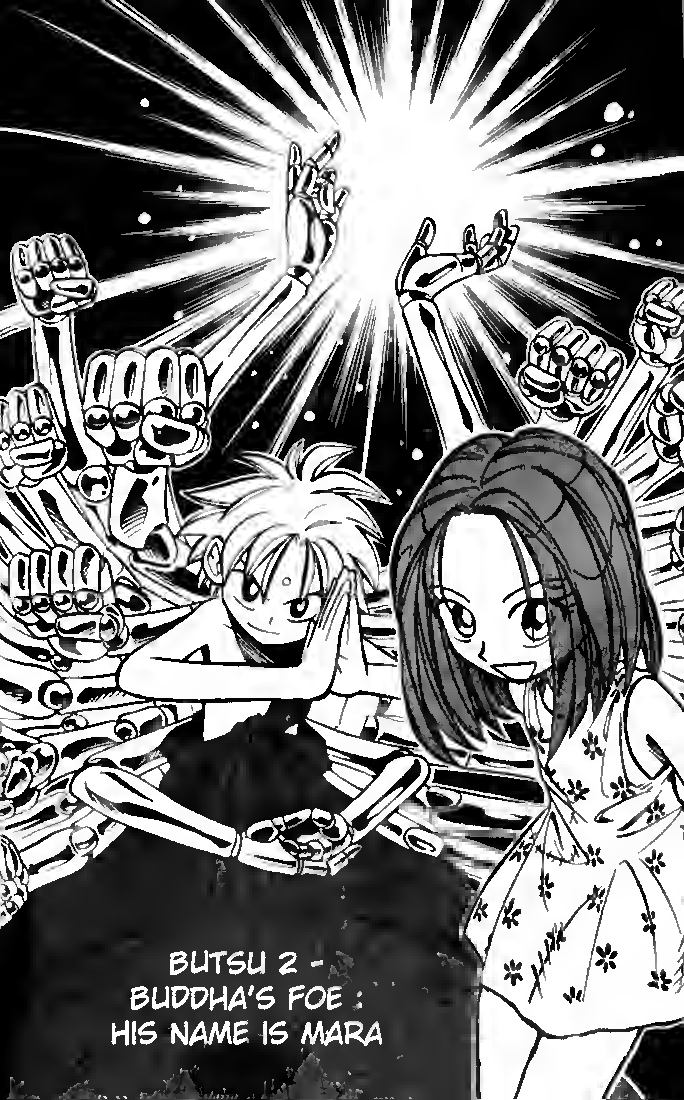
My Jedi Master hates me. He gave me, his young Padawan, an un!337 iron pipe to fend myself against the nasty little pink bunnies horde that hirad likes to play in his bath with.

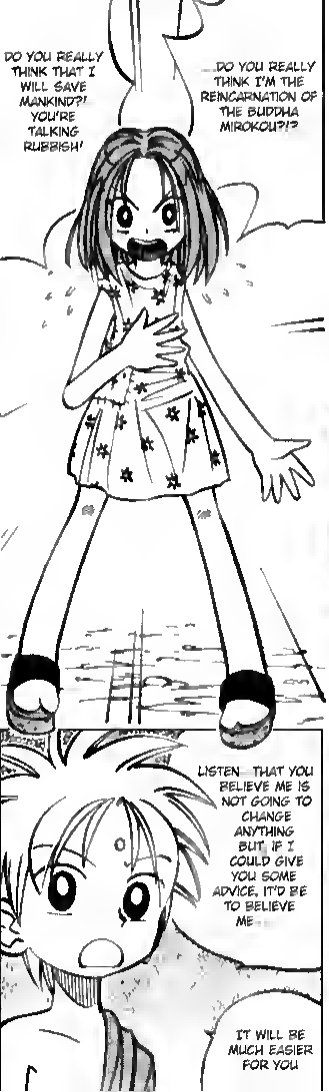
THE BODHISATTVA-MIROKOU

HE REPRESENTS THE BUDDHA OF THE FUTURE WHO, BY THE BUDDHIC WRITINGS, WILL COME FIVE BILLIONS SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY MILLIONS YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF THE BUDDHA SHAKYAMUNI. HE WILL APPEAR ON EARTH IN HUMAN FORM, AND ONCE HE REACHES ENLIGHTENMENT, IT IS SAID THAT HE COULD SAVE ALL OF HUMANITY.

ACTUALLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE FUTURE...

... HAS ALREADY ARRIVED


BUTSU 2 -
BUDDHA'S FOE :
HIS NAME IS MARA


DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I WILL SAVE MANKIND?! YOU'RE TALKING RUBBISH!
...DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M THE REINCARNATION OF THE BUDDHA MIROKOU?!?
LISTEN... THAT YOU BELIEVE ME IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING BUT, IF I COULD GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE, IT'D BE TO BELIEVE ME...
IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER FOR YOU

THE BODHISATTVA-KANNON SENDS SENNJU, ONE OF HIS "SERVANTS", TO EARTH. HIS TASK IS TO ACCOMPANY A YOUNG GIRL HE'S "JUST MET TO A LOCATION WHERE SHE COULD REACH ENLIGHTENMENT. ACCORDING TO SENNJU, SHE SIMPLY IS THE REINCARNATION OF BODHISATTVA-MIROKOU
ONE MOMENT ...!!

ANYWAY, DON'T FORGET KANNON IS SPEAKING THROUGH MY MOUTH. I COULDN'T LIE TO YOU! — IF I TELL YOU THAT, THEN THAT'S THE TRUTH!
TA DAH
AAAAH! ALL THIS IS PISSING ME OFF! I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SO ABSURD!!
Pac
ZOM
YOU'RE SAYING I'LL SAVE THE EARTH! BUT FROM WHO, FROM WHAT? THERE'S NO WAR AT THE MOMENT, IS THERE!!
SHE LEFT
BAH...
THERE'S A WAR BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL. MEN TAKE THEMSELVES AWAY FROM THE RIGHT WAY, THEY LIVE BLINDLY, IN A WORLD OF LUST, WHICH IS BURNING THEM...
YOU'RE WRONG
!

AHHH...I FEEL BETTER!
BECAUSE I GREW UP IN THE TEMPLE, I LOVE THE FEEL OF A GRAVEYARD! IT MAKES ME HAPPY!
WHAT A FATE! I'M HAPPY TO BE JUST A NORMAL LITTLE GIRL!
...NO... YOU'RE WRONG...
WHY DOES HE PERSIST IN THINKING THAT I'M THE BODHISATTVA-MIROKOU?!
...BUT...

*MIROKOU'S POSTURE OF MEDITATION : ONE LEG ON THE OTHER AS SITTING CROSS-LEGGED AND THE INDEX FINGER OF THE RIGHT HAND PUT ON THE RIGHT CHEEK

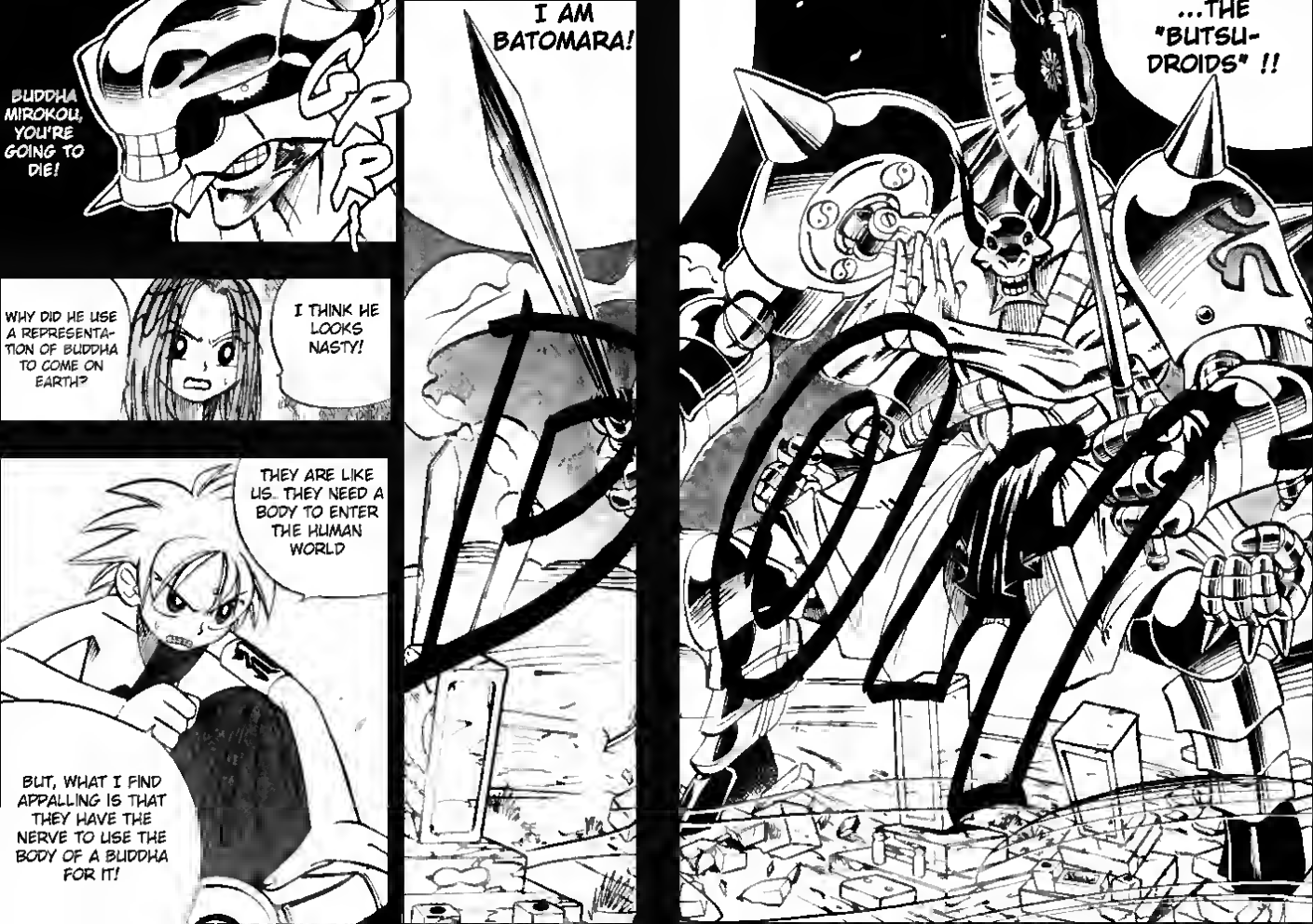
AAAH!!
GRAAG!
THIS EMBLEM! ...THIS HORSE ON THE HEAD!
... WHO ARE YOU?!
BUT ...
HE'S KANNON WITH THE HEAD!
HE'S ONE OF THE BUDDHAS WHO REPRESENTS ANGER ALTHOUGH HE'S BORN FROM THE BENEVOLENCE OF KANNON, HE LOOKS A BIT SCARY

...YOU WILL DIE BY MY HANDS!!!
ZAAH
DOH
HE HE HE . BUDDHA MIROKU...
YOU TOO, YOU'RE PART OF THE "BUTSU-ZONE"
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
ZZA
K!
TAH TAH!!
TAH TAH
TA
ZOOH
AH NO! THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
WITH ONE BLOW OF HIS SABER, HE CUT DOWN ALL THE TOMBSTONES!!
!!

YOU'RE NOT A REAL BUDDHA!
...REAL BUDDHAS DON'T ATTACK PEOPLE!
I STILL MAY BE NOT IN PHASE WITH THIS BORROWED BODY...
!?
...CRAP! ...MISSED!
DIE !!!
MY NEXT BLOW WILL NOT MISS ITS TARGET...
GRRR...
HMMM... MY LEGS AREN'T FAST ENOUGH
BOM!
HMM
OR ELSE... SOMEONE DISRUPTED ME...

...SOMEONE SUCH AS THE KANNON OF A THOUSAND ARMS!!!
WHICH FOE?!
THE ARMY OF OUR FOE WOULD ALREADY BE ON THE MOVE?!
I HARDLY BELIEVE IT
SHOW US YOUR REAL FACE!!!
MARA, SWORN FOE OF BUDDHA!!

!!
GRAGI
...WE ARE MARA'S SOLDIERS
YOU'RE RIGHT...
HE HE HE
WE LIVE BY FEEDING ON MEN'S DESIRES
TAC
TAC
KAH
WE ARE THE DEMONS WHO LIVE IN THE WORLD OF LUST...
POC
TAC
WE TOO, WE USE THE STATUES OF BUDDHAS AND BODDHISATVAS TO MOVE ON EARTH
TAC
TAC
TAC
WE ARE CALLED...


BUDDHA MIROKOU, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!
GRR
I AM BATOMARA!
WHY DID HE USE A REPRESENTATION OF BUDDHA TO COME ON EARTH?
I THINK HE LOOKS NASTY!
THEY ARE LIKE US. THEY NEED A BODY TO ENTER THE HUMAN WORLD
BUT, WHAT I FIND APPALLING IS THAT THEY HAVE THE NERVE TO USE THE BODY OF A BUDDHA FOR IT!
...THE "BUTSU-DROIDS" !!

BAH!

SINCE YOU UNCOVERED ME, I'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU, SENNJU KANNON!!
IT'S A STRATAGEM WE CALL THE "BUTSU-METSU-SAKUSEN"! THE "DISAPPEARANCE OF BUDDHA"! BY USING THEIR REPRESENTATIONS REGULARLY BIT BY BIT WE WILL RULE THEM ALL!!

BLAAAM
AH!!

I CAN'T DESTROY A REPRESENTATION OF BUDDHA!
LEAVE THIS BODY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! I'M ORDERING YOU!
POO
POH
LET THE AXE OF BATO SWOOP DOWN ON YOUR HEADS!!
HE HE HE! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD BEAT ME, LITTLE FOOL?
IN GESTURE OF PRAYING!!
I JOIN MY HANDS
I DON'T THINK I HAVE A CHOICE ANYMORE...

THIS DEMON ISN'T JOKING! ...GET BACK, BEFORE HE HURTS YOU!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW HOW, IN BUDDHA'S LOOK, THE DEMON'S ARMY TAKE THE MEN WHO LIVE IN THE WORLD OF LUST...
...
...YOU DARED TO BREAK MY AXE?! ...YOU'LL PAY FOR IT !
I'LL REPEAT IT ONE MORE TIME! LEAVE THIS BODY! ...I WON'T BE PLEASED ABOUT HAVING TO DESTROY A REPRESENTATION OF BUDDHA
SENNJU'S ARMOR!!

BLING
AAAH

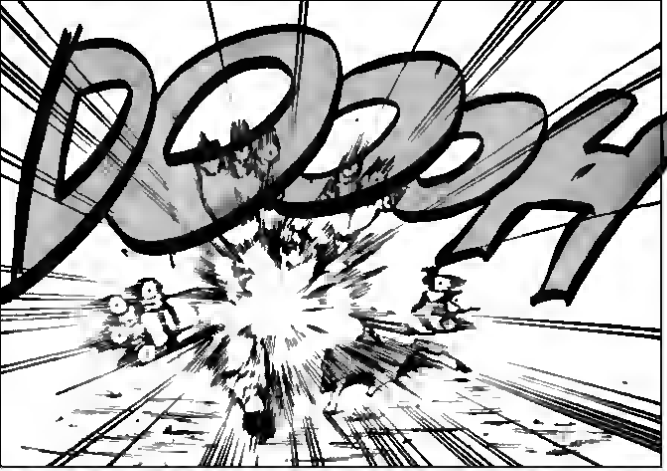
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS FAMOUS ARMOR SO CLOSE.. IT SEEMS TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE!
VHMM
HEY...

...
IF IT CAN RESIST BATO'S SABER!
DOH
BUT, WE'LL SEE..

WHAT?! I CAN'T EVEN SCRATCH HIS ARMOR!!
DAMN SENNJU!
GHHH
CLANG

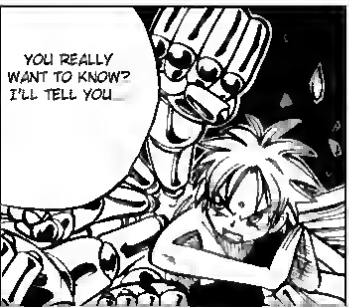
THE FOUR FISTS OF HELL!!
BAH
YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT ME?!
IT WOULD BE EASIER TO MAKE AN ELEPHANT GO THROUGH A NEEDLE'S EYE!
!

THE THOUSAND FISTS ATTACK!!


DOOH

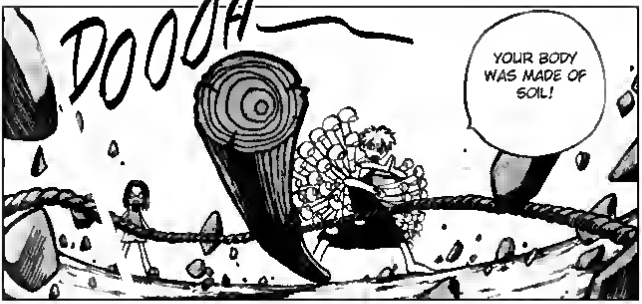
... MY BODY! ... IT'S COLLAPSING!
TAN
POC
CRAC CRAC CRAC CRAC
GHH ...
CRAC CRAC CRAC

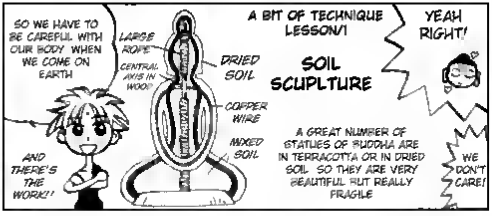
NO...


YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW? I'LL TELL YOU...

WHY...?
D'OH

HOW COULD I LOSE TO THIS RUNT?! DESPITE MY POWERS?!

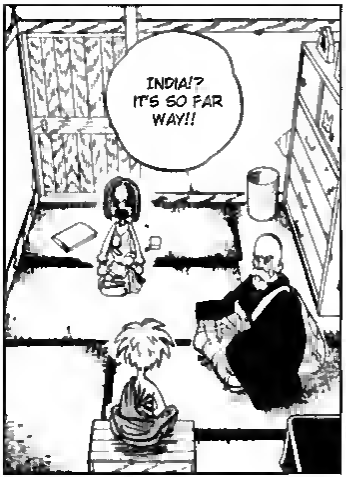

DOOOH
YOUR BODY WAS MADE OF SOIL!

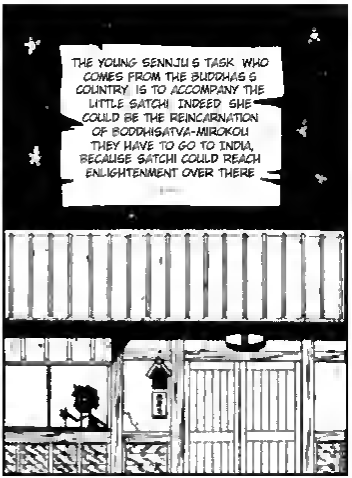

SO WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH OUR BODY WHEN WE COME ON EARTH
AND THERE'S THE WORK!!
A BIT OF TECHNIQUE LESSON!
SOIL SCULPTURE
LARGE ROPE
CENTRAL AXIS IN WOOD
DRIED SOIL
COPPER WIRE
MIXED SOIL
A GREAT NUMBER OF STATUES OF BUDDHA ARE IN TERRACOTTA OR IN DRIED SOIL SO THEY ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL BUT REALLY FRAGILE
YEAH RIGHT!
WE DON'T CARE!

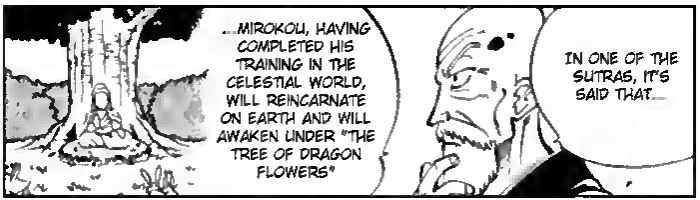
YES IT WAS ALREADY MARA
IT WAS THIS SAME DEMON WHO TRIED TO HINDER THE AWAKENING OF SHAKYAMUNI. HE DID IT ALL TO PREVENT SHAKYAMUNI FROM SAVING MANKIND...
TEMPLE

THAT MEANS, LOGICALLY, MARA WILL TRY EVERYTHING TO KILL OR GET MIROKOU KILLED
I'LL TELL YOU AGAIN. WE HAVE TO GO ON A JOURNEY!
YES! ...HE EVEN TRIED TO KILL HIM SEVERAL TIMES!
MANDARINES
I MADE UP MY MIND TO GO ON THIS JOURNEY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!' BUT YOU COULD AT LEAST TELL ME WHERE WE'RE GOING!!
BA
H
DON'T YOU SEE THAT I'VE PREPARED ALL MY STUFF?
STOP RIGHT THERE
HUH?! TO INDIA?!
TO INDIA!

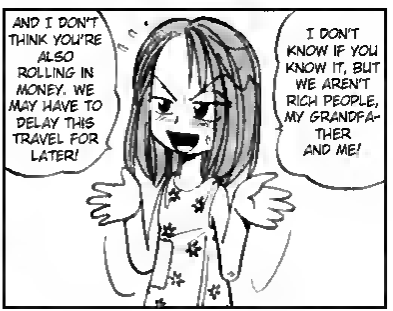
i am not wearing any panties. sold 'em to a perverted guy named hirad, and my bra went to lakay.


INDIA!? IT'S SO FAR WAY!!


THE YOUNG SENNIJU'S TASK WHO COMES FROM THE BUDDHA'S COUNTRY, IS TO ACCOMPANY THE LITTLE SATCHI. INDEED, SHE COULD BE THE REINCARNATION OF BODDHISATVA-MIROKOU. THEY HAVE TO GO TO INDIA, BECAUSE SATCHI COULD REACH ENLIGHTENMENT OVER THERE


...MIROKOU, HAVING COMPLETED HIS TRAINING IN THE CELESTIAL WORLD, WILL REINCARNATE ON EARTH AND WILL AWAKEN UNDER "THE TREE OF DRAGON FLOWERS"
IN ONE OF THE SUTRAS, IT'S SAID THAT...

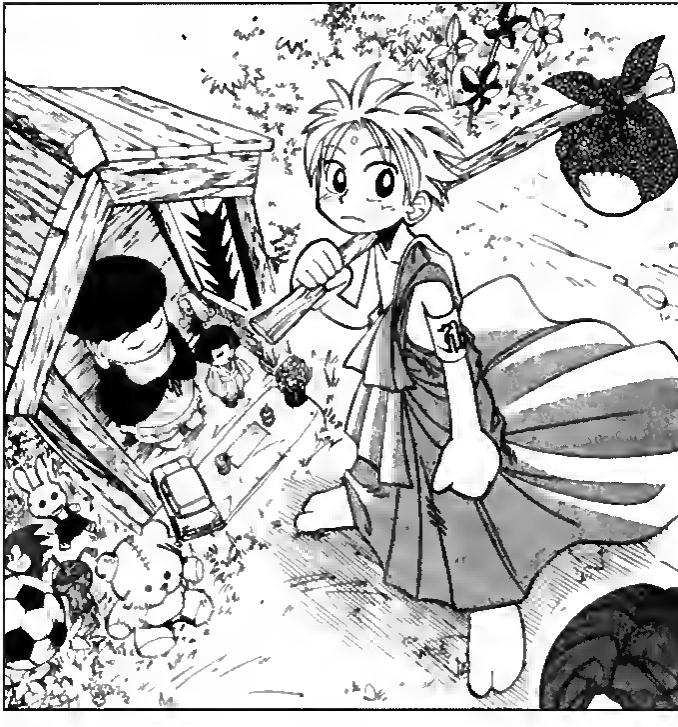
I HAVE A LOT OF CONTACTS
DON'T WORRY!
'CONTACTS'?!


AND I DON'T THINK YOU'RE ALSO ROLLING IN MONEY. WE MAY HAVE TO DELAY THIS TRAVEL FOR LATER!
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW IT, BUT WE AREN'T RICH PEOPLE, MY GRANDFATHER AND ME!

WE WILL BE GOING THROUGH THE SEAS ABOARD THE TREASURE-BOAT OF THE 7 GODS OF HAPPINESS!
PLOOF

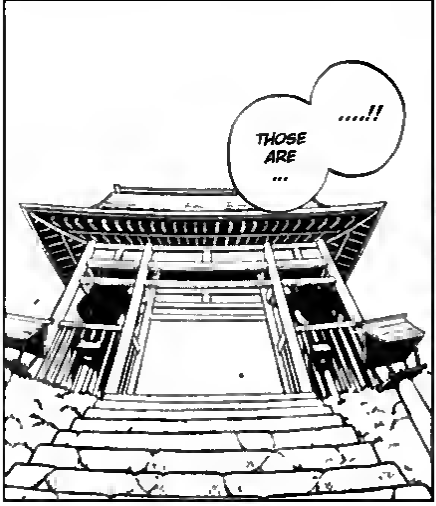
WHAT!?!
THE 7 GODS OF HAPPINESS? WHAT'S THAT?

BUTSU 3 - Riceballs



WHAT ARE YOU DOING AGAIN? DRAGGING AROUND?
IS THAT WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?
MOREOVER, I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU! HOW CAN YOU PLAN TO GO SO FAR AWAY WITHOUT TAKING ANYTHING WITH YOU?!
WHAT?!
ARE YOU SURE THAT YOUR BOAT IS REALLY WAITING FOR US ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS MOUNTAIN?!
PFFT !!
AT LEAST YOU COULD HELP ME A BIT! I...
//
BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY BEEN WALKING FOR THREE DAMN HOURS! AND REMEMBER THAT I'VE GOT LUGGAGES!

OH, A JIZO!
I'M PRAYING TO HAVE A SAFE TRIP!
BECAUSE, IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I FEEL VERY WORRIED! IT WAS GRANDFATHER WHO ASKED ME TO GO WITH YOU!
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HE HE...PRAYING NOW WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME
SIGH...
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!!
YOU'RE SOMETHING ELSE!
I AM A BUDDHA TOO!
IT SHOULD BE ME WHO YOU PRAY TO, SHOULDN'T IT?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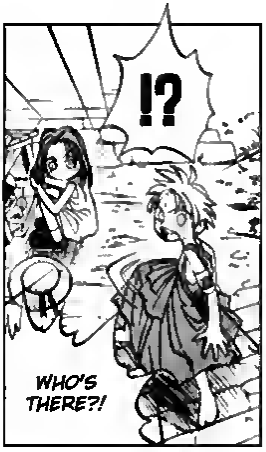
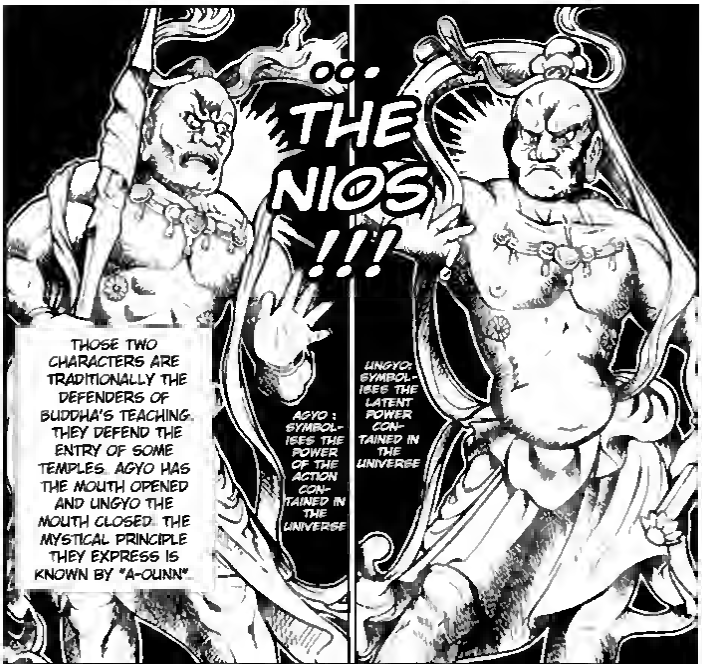
THOSE ARE ...


!?
WHO'S THERE?!


THE NIOS !!!
THOSE TWO CHARACTERS ARE TRADITIONALLY THE DEFENDERS OF BUDDHA'S TEACHING. THEY DEFEND THE ENTRY OF SOME TEMPLES. AGYO HAS THE MOUTH OPENED AND UNGYO THE MOUTH CLOSED. THE MYSTICAL PRINCIPLE THEY EXPRESS IS KNOWN BY "A-OUNN".
AGYO : SYMBOLISES THE POWER OF THE ACTION CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSE
UNGYO: SYMBOLISES THE LATENT POWER CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSE

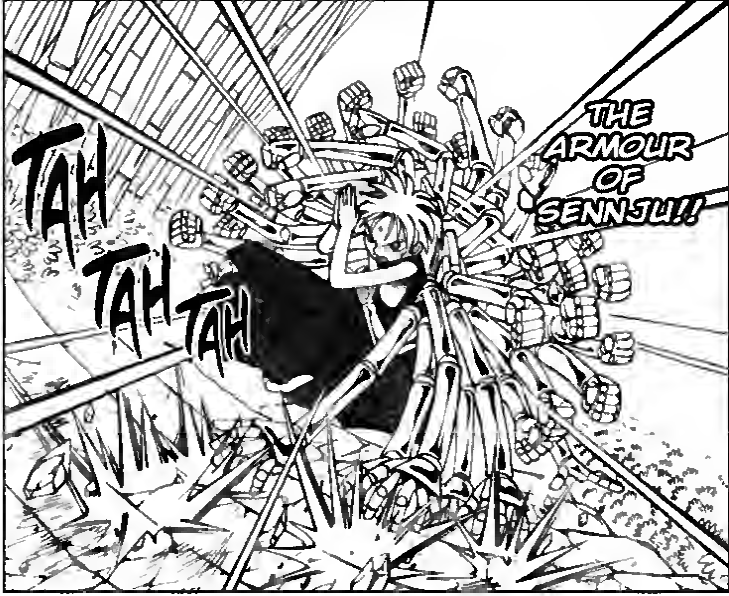
AND ALL ENDS BY "OUNN"!
PAC
ALL, IN THE UNIVERSE, BEGINS BY THE DIVINE ENERGY OF "A"!
CRAC
AND IT APPEARS THAT IT WILL END HERE!!
YOUR JOURNEY TOO DEPENDS ON THE MYSTICAL NATURE OF THE "A-OUNN"!!
DAH
DAH
DAH
BUTSU-DROIDS SENT BY MARA !!

HAVE A TASTE OF OUR DEADLY TECHNIQUE!!
?!!
THE NIO'S SPECIAL COMBINATION !!!
AAH!!
OOUN !!

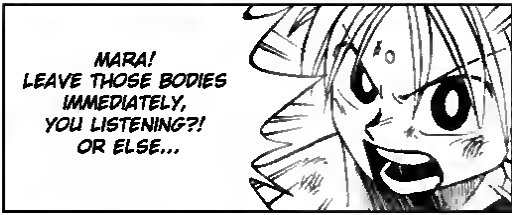
DOH
OUNN!!
AHH!!
PAF
BOM
OUNN!!
TAH
AHH!!
AND NOW...

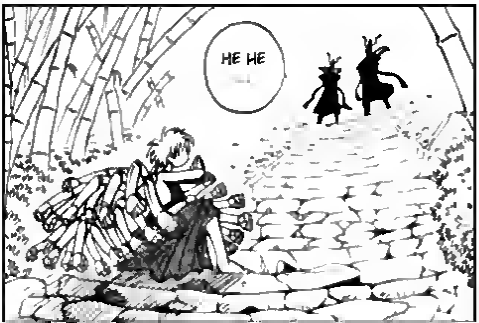
SENNJU! BE CAREFUL!!
!!
HA HA HAAA! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?!
PAF
NOW, WE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF MIROKOU!
... FINAL SMASH !!!
DO DOH DOH

GHH
I ABSO-LUTELY HAVE TO STOP THEM!!
GHH !!
!!
PAH!
MY PRAYERS !!!
LISTEN TO ....
GLING


TAH
TAH
TAH
THE ARMOUR OF SENNJU!!

OR ELSE WHAT?
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN BEAT US?


MARA! LEAVE THOSE BODIES IMMEDIATELY, YOU LISTENING?! OR ELSE...


HE HE

NEW VERSION!
THE NIO'S SPECIAL COMBINATION!
HA HA HA! ... WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU TRY!
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE! ... I HAVE TO DO IT ALL TO PROTECT MIROKU!
THE THOUSAND FIST ATTACK...
...OF SENNJU!!!

BOOH
WHAT ?!
CRAAC
NOW THAT YOU'RE ALONE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO ANY COMBINATION SKILLS! LEAVE THIS BODY, MARA!
WHERE DID YOU PULL ALL THIS FORCE OUT OF?! YOU MANAGED TO DEMOLISH MY PARTNER IN ONE SINGLE ATTACK!!

HE HE HE ...
SHANG
WHAT IS IT THAT'S AMUSING YOU?!
HE HE HE
HE HE HE .. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL ATTACK, SENNJU KANNON. .
GAAH!
DOUBLE STAKE OF THE INDESTRUCTIBLE SPIRIT OF NIO !!!
...?
LISTEN TO MY PRAYERS !!
.... ?!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?! MY ARMOR ... !!
... IT DOESN'T RESPOND ANYMORE!
ON THE HOLY GROUND WHERE WE ARE, YOU CAN USE THE "THOUSAND FISTS ATTACK" ONLY ONCE A DAY !
HA HA HA HAAAA! I KNOW ONE OF YOUR WEAK POINTS!
DODODODA
HEY !!

...TAKES ITS ENERGY FROM THE CHAKRAS, THE MAIN "STRENGTH POINTS" OF OUR BODY...
THE ARMOR YOU MAKE PHYSICAL BY PRAYING...
CHHH!!
BLAM
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?!
HOWEVER, ON THIS GROUND, THIS ENERGY IS LIMITED, YOUR ARMOR, WITH ITS NUMEROUS ARMS, CONSUMES QUICKLY THE ENERGY OF THE CHAKRAS...
WITHIN THESE CHAKRAS, RESIDE A PART OF THE "REAL" ENERGY OF THE COSMOS, AN INCREDIBLE VITAL ENERGY !
PFFT ...
EVEN WITHOUT MY ARMOR...
AND NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO DIE, SENNJU KANNON !!
AAHH
HA

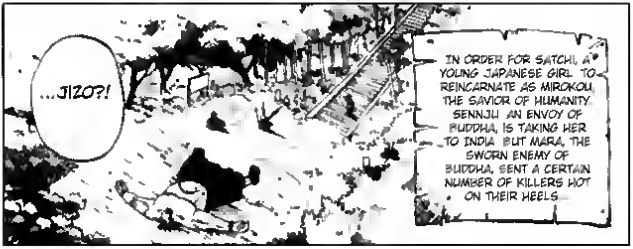
I'LL FIGHT TILL THE VERY END!!!
!?
FLAP FLAP FLAP
WHAT THE ...
POC
DIEEEE EEEE !!!
SHOW YOURSELF, COWARD!!
PLOC
WHO DARED TO DO THAT ?!

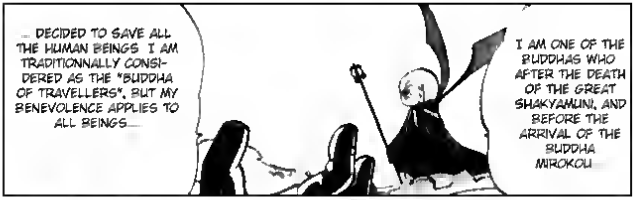
I'LL TEACH YOU, THE WAY IN WHICH WE FIGHT ON THIS GROUND !
SAH
I WILL HAVE NO MERCY FOR YOU, WHO PUSHED SENNJU TO RUN OUT OF HIS MAJOR CHAKRA!
TA-DAAAAH
FACE YOUR DESTINY.
BO.
TENN.
SAH
SAH
RINN
INN
HUM ?!
BUT ... YOU ARE ...

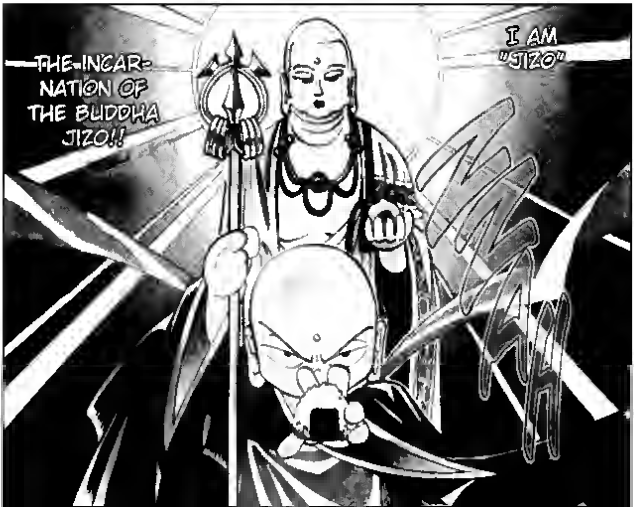
ZOH!
"THE RAY OF THE SACRED SEAL!!"
BROOM...
JI.. ZO..
DAH
BSHHH
... YOU, THE BODDHI-SATVA JIZO!
BUT... WHY HAVE YOU APPEARED ?!
I'LL TELL YOU WHY...
IT'S BECAUSE THESE RICE-BALLS WERE EXCELLENT!

Hirad's harem picture -08 April 2005-

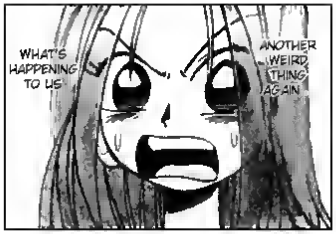
BUTSU 4 - KOMA THE DOG

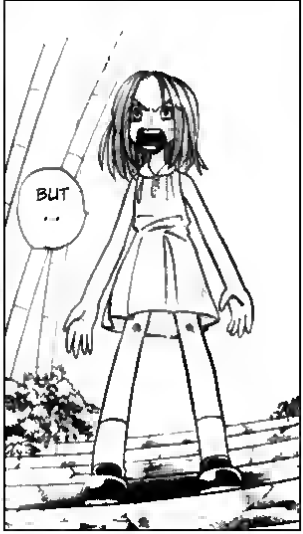

...JIZO?!
IN ORDER FOR SATCHI, A YOUNG JAPANESE GIRL TO REINCARNATE AS MIROKOU, THE SAVIOR OF HUMANITY, SENNIJU, AN ENVOY OF BUDDHA, IS TAKING HER TO INDIA. BUT MARA, THE SWORN ENEMY OF BUDDHA, SENT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF KILLERS HOT ON THEIR HEELS...


... DECIDED TO SAVE ALL THE HUMAN BEINGS. I AM TRADITIONNALLY CONSIDERED AS THE "BUDDHA OF TRAVELLERS", BUT MY BENEVOLENCE APPLIES TO ALL BEINGS...
I AM ONE OF THE BUDDHAS WHO AFTER THE DEATH OF THE GREAT SHAKYAMUNI, AND BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE BUDDHA MIROKOU.



BUTSU 4
KOMA THE DOG


WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US
ANOTHER WEIRD THING AGAIN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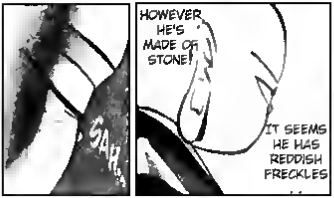

SAH...
HOWEVER HE'S MADE OF STONE!
IT SEEMS HE HAS REDDISH FRECKLES

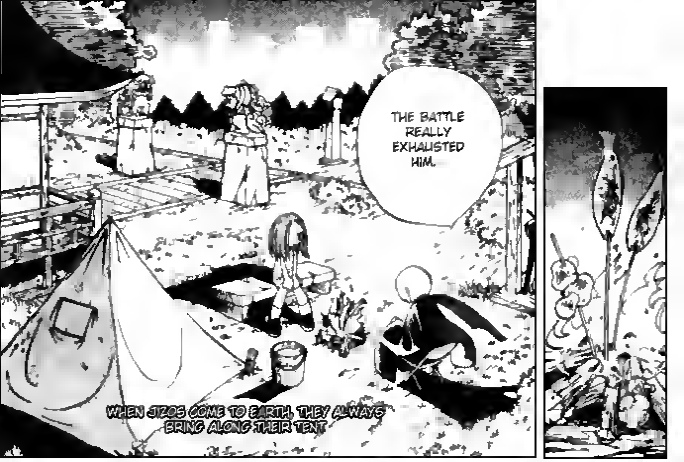
I WOULD CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE ON EARTH. I WAS AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL IMPATIENTLY...
MASTER MIROKU...

SENNJU...

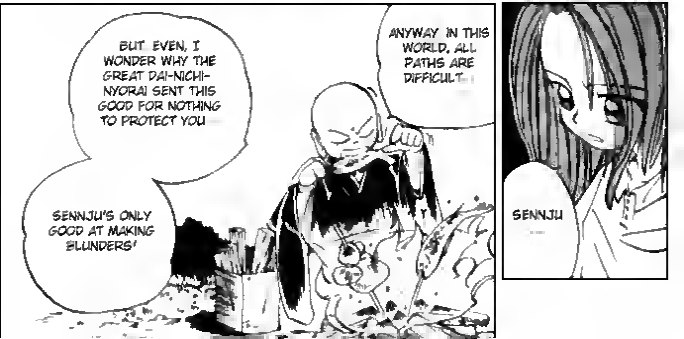
NO...
HUM...
LISTEN...

HUH, SENNJU ?!
!
TOH.
...YOU WERE LOSING YOUR BATTLE, IT SEEMED TO ME WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF I HADN'T INTERVENED?
HMM. YOU COULD SAY WE ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS
?!
DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?!
...WE'VE BEEN AWAITING THIS MOMENT FOR 2500 YEARS!!
AND YOU, YOU WOULD HAVE WASTED IT ALL, JUST LIKE THAT, WITHOUT DOING A THING!!
HA HA HA...
BAH FINALLY, IT'S ALL SORTED OUT WELL, ISN'T IT?
GAH.
FOOL ! IF I HADN'T SAVED YOU YOU WOULD HAVE LEFT THE GREAT BUDDHA MIROKOU TO BE KILLED!!!!!

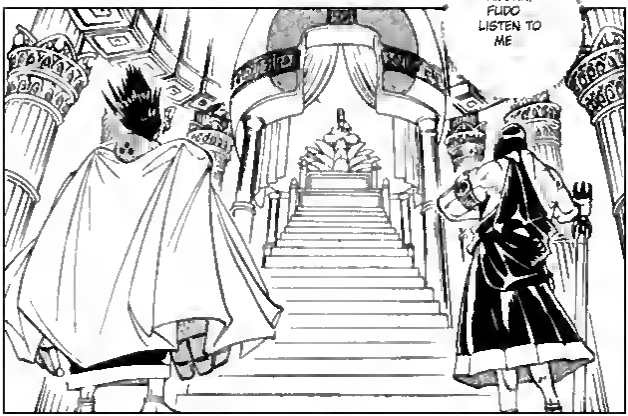
WHEN I SAW YOUR STATUE, I WAS SURE YOU WOULD COME TO SAVE US!!
CALM DOWN!
BUT FINALLY
DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
YOU'RE MEANT TO PROTECT MIROKU!!
WHAT?!
SENNJU! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
?!
IT ALL WORKED OUT!


THE BATTLE REALLY EXHAUSTED HIM.
WHEN JIZOS COME TO EARTH, THEY ALWAYS BRING ALONG THEIR TENT

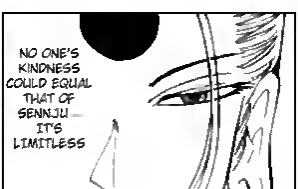
THAT HIS BODY WAS WOUNDED IN VARIOUS PLACES
SENNJU DIDN'T SEE
MARA'S POWER IS REALLY AMAZING. HE COULD GO FROM THE INCARNATION OF BATO-KANNON TO THE TWO GODS OF "A-UNN", THE TWO WARRIORS OF NIO EFFORTLESSLY

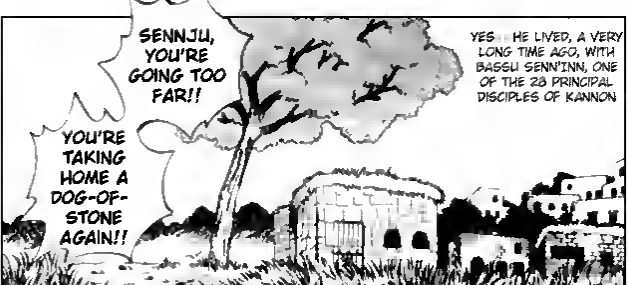

BUT EVEN, I WONDER WHY THE GREAT DAI-NICHI-NYORAI SENT THIS GOOD FOR NOTHING TO PROTECT YOU
SENNJU'S ONLY GOOD AT MAKING BLUNDERS!
ANYWAY IN THIS WORLD, ALL PATHS ARE DIFFICULT.
SENNJU

IT CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS!
WE HAVE TO SEND A STRONGER GUARDIAN TO MIROKOU!
KING OF MAGICAL SCIENCES OF GOOD AND COURAGE
FUDO
ZANG!
I, FUDO, AM READY TO PUT MY FAITHFUL SABER KURIKARA TO THE SERVICE OF MIROKOU!
I, AIZENN UNDERTAKE TO REPEL EVIL WHENEVER NEEDED, THANKS TO MY SPECIAL ARMOR THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE BUDDHA'S WORLD!
DOH!
KING OF MAGICAL SCIENCES OF LOVE AND BENEVOLENCE
AIZENN

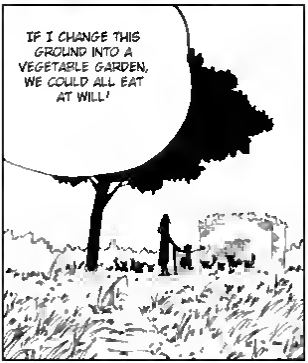

AIZENN, FUDO LISTEN TO ME

KINDNESS ?!

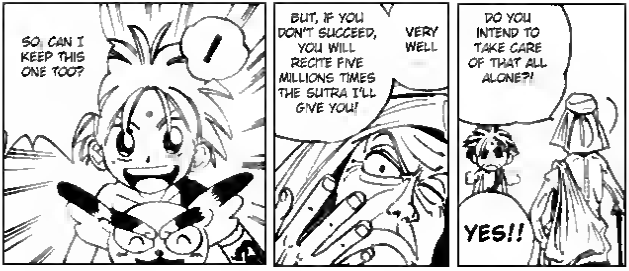

NO ONE'S KINDNESS COULD EQUAL THAT OF SENNJU... IT'S LIMITLESS

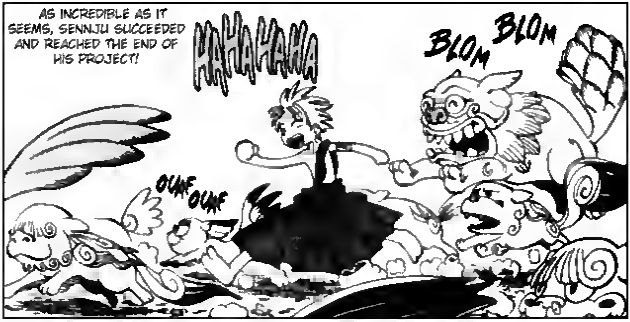

SENNJU, YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR!!
YOU'RE TAKING HOME A DOG-OF-STONE AGAIN!!
YES... HE LIVED, A VERY LONG TIME AGO, WITH BASSU SENN'INN, ONE OF THE 28 PRINCIPAL DISCIPLES OF KANNON

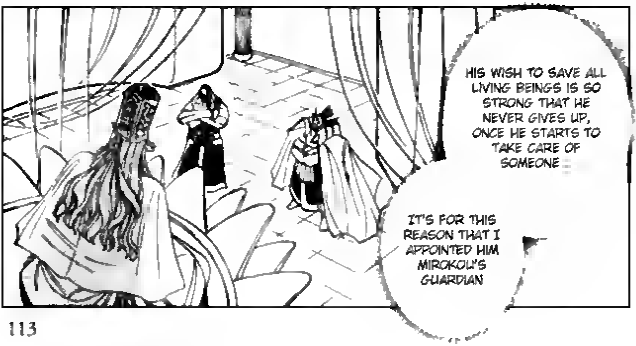
THE POOR THINGS! WE CAN'T REALLY LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT! ...I DECIDED TO HELP THEM ALL, WITHOUT EXCEPTION!
ARF ARF
SNIF
OUAH
OUAH
ARF ARF
FOOL! THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR IDEALS AND REALITY! HOW DO YOU INTEND TO FEED ALL YOUR DOGS?!

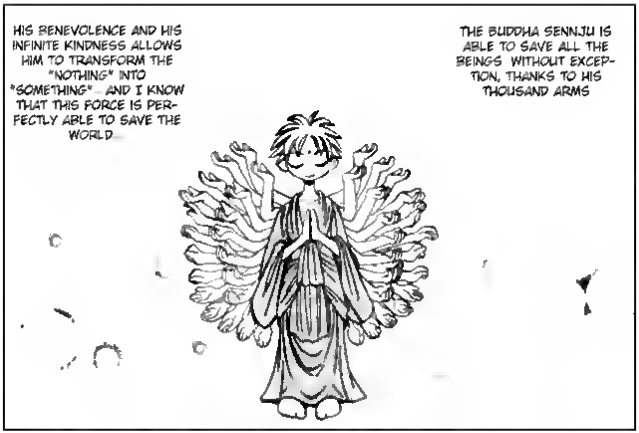


THE KOMA-DOGS OF STONE WHICH DECORATE THE TEMPLES ARE SCRAPPED WHEN THEY ARE RUINED


SO, CAN I KEEP THIS ONE TOO?
BUT, IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED, YOU WILL RECITE FIVE MILLIONS TIMES THE SUTRA I'LL GIVE YOU!
VERY WELL
DO YOU INTEND TO TAKE CARE OF THAT ALL ALONE?!
YES!!

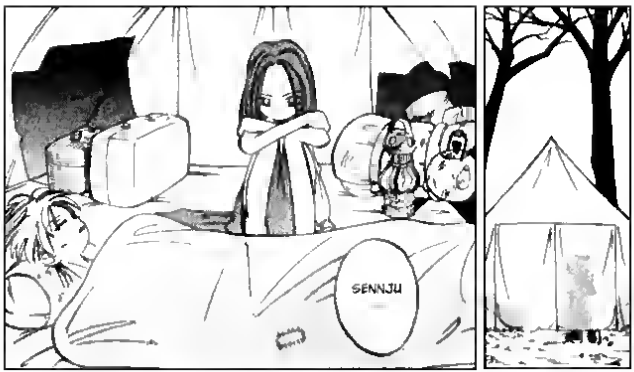

AS INCREDIBLE AS IT SEEMS, SENNJU SUCCEEDED AND REACHED THE END OF HIS PROJECT!
HAHAHAHA
BLOM BLOM
OUAF OUAF

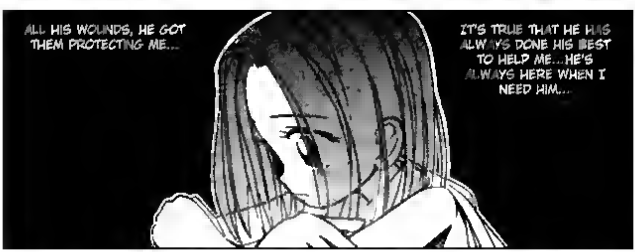

HIS WISH TO SAVE ALL LIVING BEINGS IS SO STRONG THAT HE NEVER GIVES UP, ONCE HE STARTS TO TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE...
IT'S FOR THIS REASON THAT I APPOINTED HIM MIROKOU'S GUARDIAN

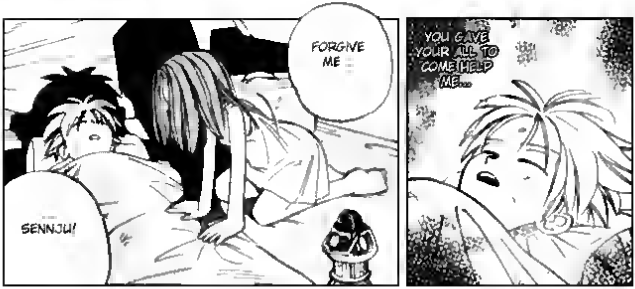

HIS BENEVOLENCE AND HIS INFINITE KINDNESS ALLOWS HIM TO TRANSFORM THE "NOTHING" INTO "SOMETHING"... AND I KNOW THAT THIS FORCE IS PERFECTLY ABLE TO SAVE THE WORLD...
THE BUDDHA SENNJU IS ABLE TO SAVE ALL THE BEINGS WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THANKS TO HIS THOUSAND ARMS

HMM... VERY WELL. WE WILL ENTRUST IT TO HIM, FOR NOW...

YES... I WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT HE'S REALLY CAPABLE OF...
HE HE HE


SENNJU

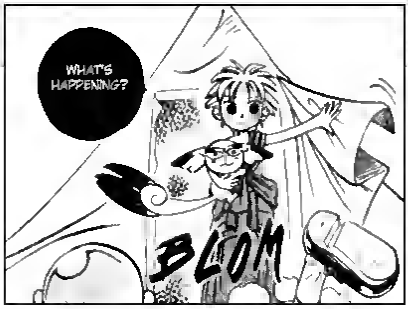

ALL HIS WOUNDS, HE GOT THEM PROTECTING ME...
IT'S TRUE THAT HE HAS ALWAYS DONE HIS BEST TO HELP ME...HE'S ALWAYS HERE WHEN I NEED HIM...


FORGIVE ME...
SENNJU!
YOU GAVE YOUR ALL TO COME HELP ME...

GOOH
BAH
SHOW YOURSELF!!
WHO'S THERE?!
I FEEL SOMETHING WHICH HAS HE SAME NATURE AS US
I DON'T KNOW IT SOUNDED LIKE SOMETHING HEAVY MOVING ITSELF
WHAT WAS THAT, THIS NOISE?
WHAT?

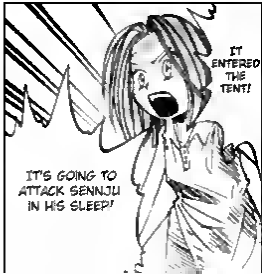
MEN'S SANCTUARY
IT'S A TRICK OF MARA AGAIN!
BOBOM
—THIS NOISE!
BOBOM
WHAT AN IDLER!
IT DIDN'T WAKE UP SENNJU
EVIDENTLY, HE'S STILL SLEEPING
YES—
BOOOM
BOBOM
IT LOOKS LIKE—
BOBOM

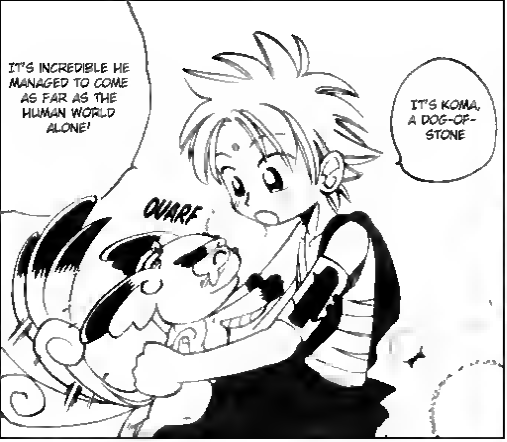
THE DOG...
...OF STONE!!
BAAG


WHAT'S HAPPENING?
BLOM

TOH!
BE CAREFUL!

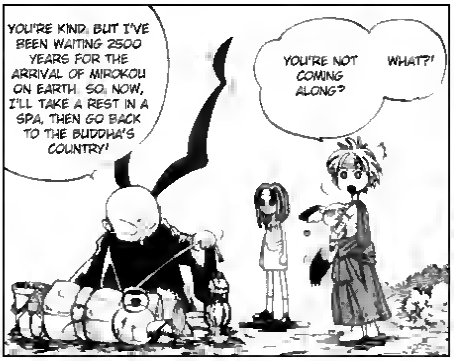
HEHEHE!
HMM? HMM?


IT ENTERED THE TENT!
IT'S GOING TO ATTACK SENNJU IN HIS SLEEP!

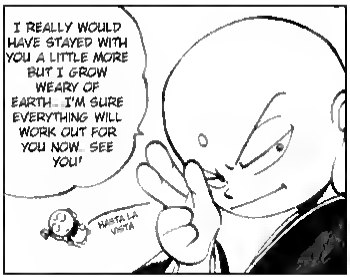

IT'S INCREDIBLE HE MANAGED TO COME AS FAR AS THE HUMAN WORLD ALONE!
IT'S KOMA, A DOG-OF-STONE
QUARF

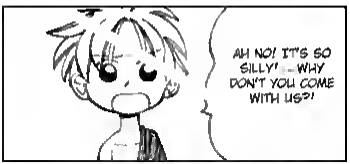
BUT... WHAT'S THAT?!

YES... IT'S A DOG HE WAS TAKING CARE OF. EVIDENTLY, THIS DOG LOVED HIM VERY MUCH... IT'S INCREDIBLE...
HAHAHA
KOMA! YOU'RE TICKLING ME!
"KOMA"? A "DOG-OF-STONE"?

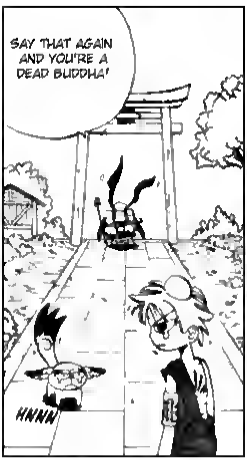

YOU'RE KIND. BUT I'VE BEEN WAITING 2500 YEARS FOR THE ARRIVAL OF MIROKOU ON EARTH. SO, NOW, I'LL TAKE A REST IN A SPA, THEN GO BACK TO THE BUDDHA'S COUNTRY!
YOU'RE NOT COMING ALONG?
WHAT?!

WELL, YOU SEEM TO BE BETTER. SO I'LL LEAVE YOU
QUAF QUAF

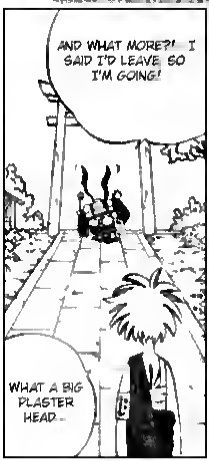

I REALLY WOULD HAVE STAYED WITH YOU A LITTLE MORE BUT I GROW WEARY OF EARTH... I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT FOR YOU NOW. SEE YOU!
HASTA LA VISTA


AH NO! IT'S SO SILLY! — WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?!

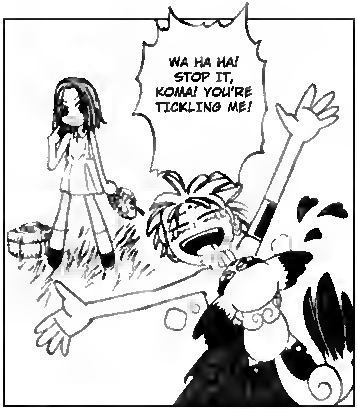
THE C MPING SET OF THE PE ECT JIZO


SAY THAT AGAIN AND YOU'RE A DEAD BUDDHA!
HNNN

I HEARD THAT!! ...I'LL TEACH YOU TO MAKE FUN OF MY BEAUTIFUL GRANITE SKULL!
GAAH
GVOOO


AND WHAT MORE?! I SAID I'D LEAVE SO I'M GOING!
WHAT A BIG PLASTER HEAD —

IT'S HERE THAT THE BOAT HAS TO PICK US UP!
YES?
ALL THE EFFORTS YOU'RE MAKING...
I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I'M MAKING FOR YOU...
SENNJU
THE SUN WILL SOON BE SETTING... IT WON'T TAKE TOO LONG


WA HA HA! STOP IT, KOMA! YOU'RE TICKLING ME!

WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME, IDIOT!
I'M FORCING MYSELF TO THANK YOU!
GLOC
GLOC

I'M AWARE OF THAT!

DI DO DO DO...

HMMM?
BUT
AH!
!

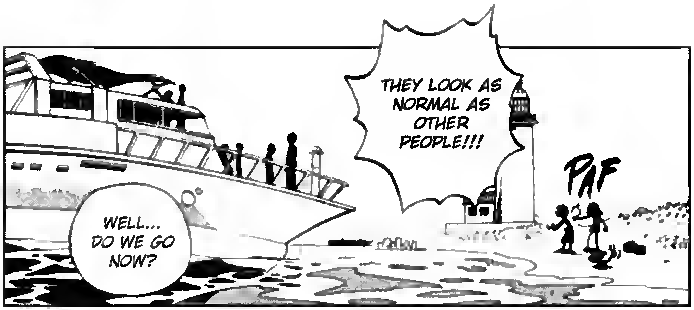
DO DO DO DO DO DO DO
SEVEN HAPPINES
IS THAT THE 7 GODS OF HAPPI-NESS?!
TREASURESHIP

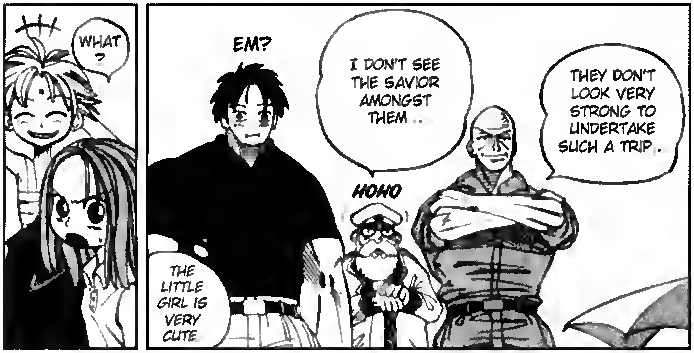
stop staring at my ass.
You Yaoi loving Punk.

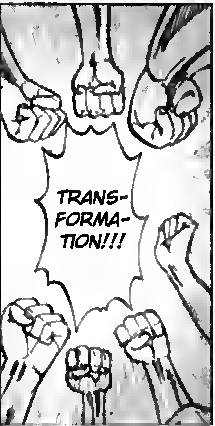
THEY ARE THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS?
.....
THEY ALL LOOK VERY STRANGE TO ME!!
WHAT ?!
SENNJU HAS TO ACCOMPANY SATCHI TO INDIA, IN ORDER FOR HER TO REACH THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND BECOME THE BUDHHA MIROKOU. THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE TREASURE-BOAT OF THE 7 GODS OF HAPPINESS WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO CROSS THE SEAS

BUTSU 5

The Seven


THEY LOOK AS NORMAL AS OTHER PEOPLE!!!
PAF
WELL... DO WE GO NOW?


WHAT ?
EM?
I DON'T SEE THE SAVIOR AMONGST THEM..
THEY DON'T LOOK VERY STRONG TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A TRIP.
HOHO
THE LITTLE GIRL IS VERY CUTE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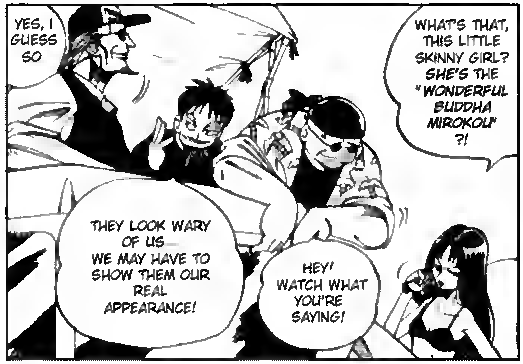
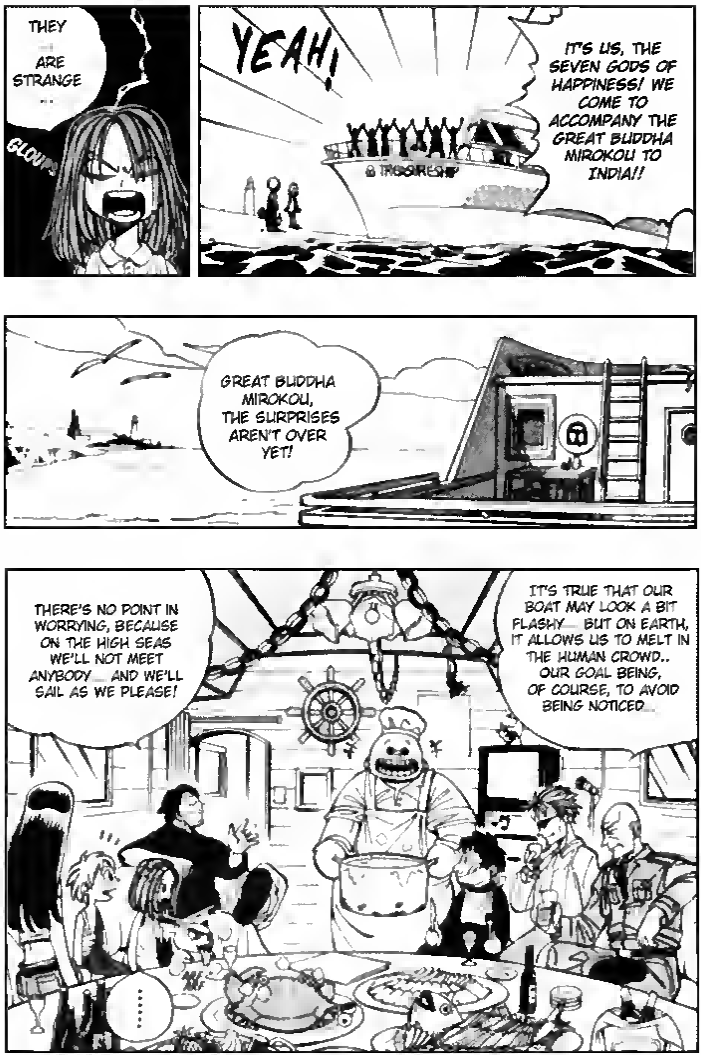

YES, I GUESS SO
WHAT'S THAT, THIS LITTLE SKINNY GIRL? SHE'S THE "WONDERFUL BUDDHA MIROKU" ?!
THEY LOOK WARY OF US— WE MAY HAVE TO SHOW THEM OUR REAL APPEARANCE!
HEY! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS !!
EBISU
DAIKOKU
JUROJINN
BISHAMON
FUKUROKUJU
HOTEI
BEN'TENN


THEY ARE STRANGE...
GLOW!
YEAH!
IT'S US, THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS! WE COME TO ACCOMPANY THE GREAT BUDDHA MIROKOU TO INDIA!!
GREAT BUDDHA MIROKOU, THE SURPRISES AREN'T OVER YET!
THERE'S NO POINT IN WORRYING, BECAUSE ON THE HIGH SEAS WE'LL NOT MEET ANYBODY... AND WE'LL SAIL AS WE PLEASE!
IT'S TRUE THAT OUR BOAT MAY LOOK A BIT FLASHY... BUT ON EARTH, IT ALLOWS US TO MELT IN THE HUMAN CROWD.. OUR GOAL BEING, OF COURSE, TO AVOID BEING NOTICED...
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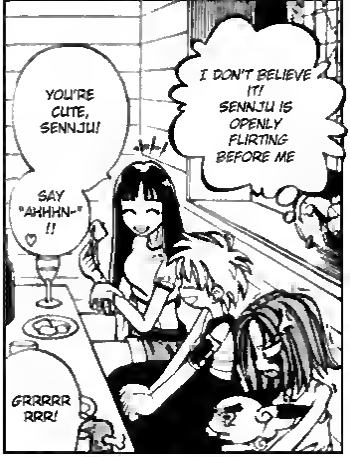
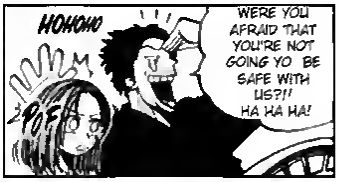
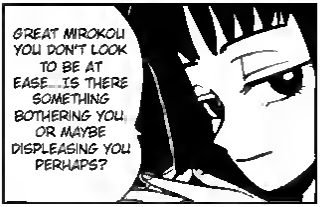
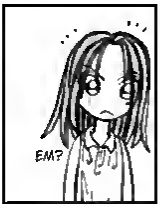

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SENNJU IS OPENLY FLIRTING BEFORE ME
YOU'RE CUTE, SENNJU!
SAY "AHHHN-" !!
GRRRRR RRR!


HOHOHO
WERE YOU AFRAID THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING YO BE SAFE WITH US?! HA HA HA!
POF

THEY ARE REALLY STRANGE!!
MMM?


GREAT MIROKOU YOU DON'T LOOK TO BE AT EASE...IS THERE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, OR MAYBE DISPLEASING YOU PERHAPS?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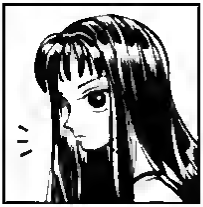

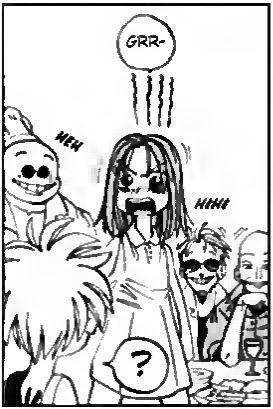
GRR-
MEH
HIHI
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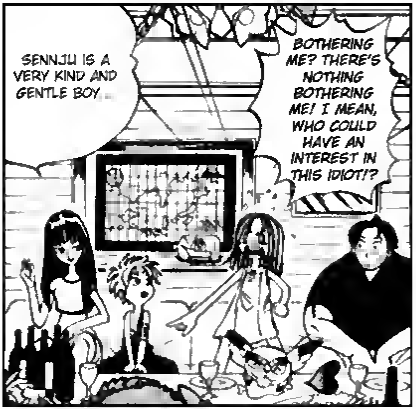
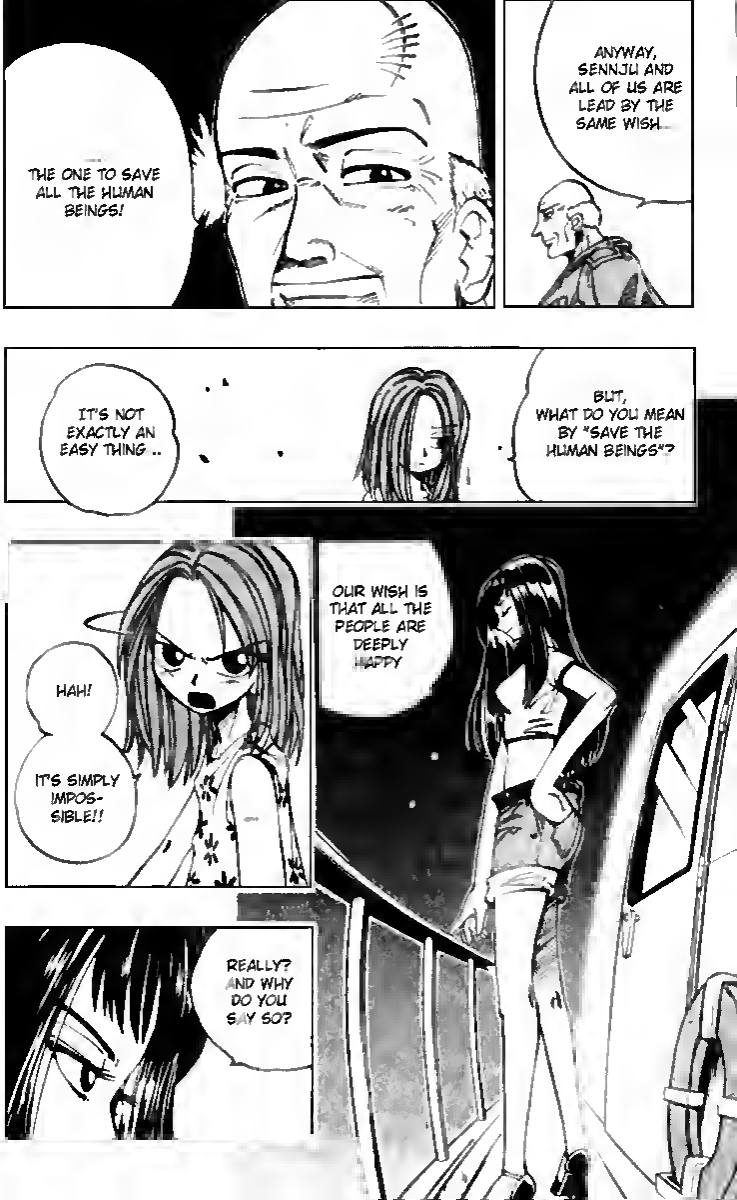
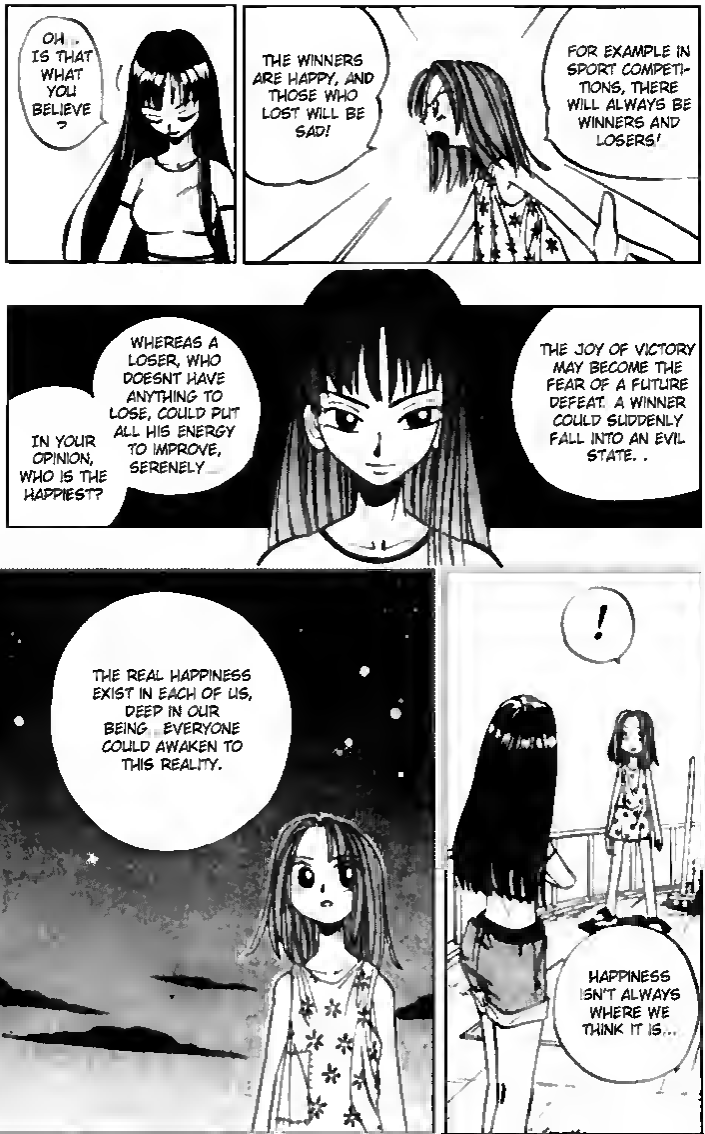
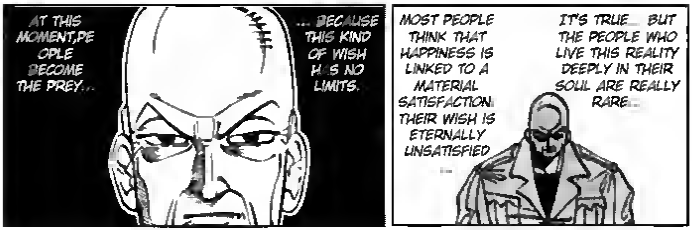
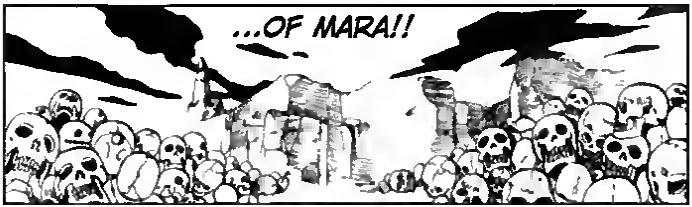

SENNJU IS A VERY KIND AND GENTLE BOY...
BOTHERING ME? THERE'S NOTHING BOTHERING ME! I MEAN, WHO COULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS IDIOT!?

FUKU-ROKU-JU-SAMA.
HAHA... GOOD EVENING MISS ...THE EVENING BREEZE ARE REALLY NICE,
ACTUALLY, NO... THE TERM IS NOT CORRECT.
I'M FED UP WITH THIS! ARE ALL THESE GUYS REALLY BUDDHAS ?!
BUT.. WHAT ABOUT SENNJU?
THEY ARE BEINGS WHO REACHED A DEFINITIVE ENLIGHTENMENT. A STATE FOR WHICH WE ALL ASPIRE TO...
SO, YOU ALL ARE NOT BUDDHAS?
THE TERM "BUDDHA", IN ITS EXACT SENSE, REFERS TO THE GREAT BUDDHAS AS NYORAI OR SHAKYAMUNI ..."
THE STATE OF BODDHISATVA IS THE LAST STATE BEFORE THE ONE OF BUDDHA..
KANNON ISN'T A DEFINITIVE BUDDHA, IT'S A BODDHISATVA.
BOD DHI- SAT VA.


THE ONE TO SAVE ALL THE HUMAN BEINGS!
ANYWAY, SENNJU AND ALL OF US ARE LEAD BY THE SAME WISH...
IT'S NOT EXACTLY AN EASY THING ..
BUT, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "SAVE THE HUMAN BEINGS"?
HAH!
IT'S SIMPLY IMPOS-SIBLE!!
OUR WISH IS THAT ALL THE PEOPLE ARE DEEPLY HAPPY
REALLY? AND WHY DO YOU SAY SO?


OH . IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE ?
THE WINNERS ARE HAPPY, AND THOSE WHO LOST WILL BE SAD!
FOR EXAMPLE IN SPORT COMPETITIONS, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE WINNERS AND LOSERS!
IN YOUR OPINION, WHO IS THE HAPPIEST?
WHEREAS A LOSER, WHO DOESNT HAVE ANYTHING TO LOSE, COULD PUT ALL HIS ENERGY TO IMPROVE, SERENELY...
THE JOY OF VICTORY MAY BECOME THE FEAR OF A FUTURE DEFEAT. A WINNER COULD SUDDENLY FALL INTO AN EVIL STATE. .
THE REAL HAPPINESS EXIST IN EACH OF US, DEEP IN OUR BEING . EVERYONE COULD AWAKEN TO THIS REALITY.
!
HAPPINESS ISN'T ALWAYS WHERE WE THINK IT IS...


AT THIS MOMENT,PEOPLE BECOME THE PREY...
... BECAUSE THIS KIND OF WISH HAS NO LIMITS.
MOST PEOPLE THINK THAT HAPPINESS IS LINKED TO A MATERIAL SATISFACTION. THEIR WISH IS ETERNALLY UNSATISFIED
IT'S TRUE... BUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THIS REALITY DEEPLY IN THEIR SOUL ARE REALLY RARE...

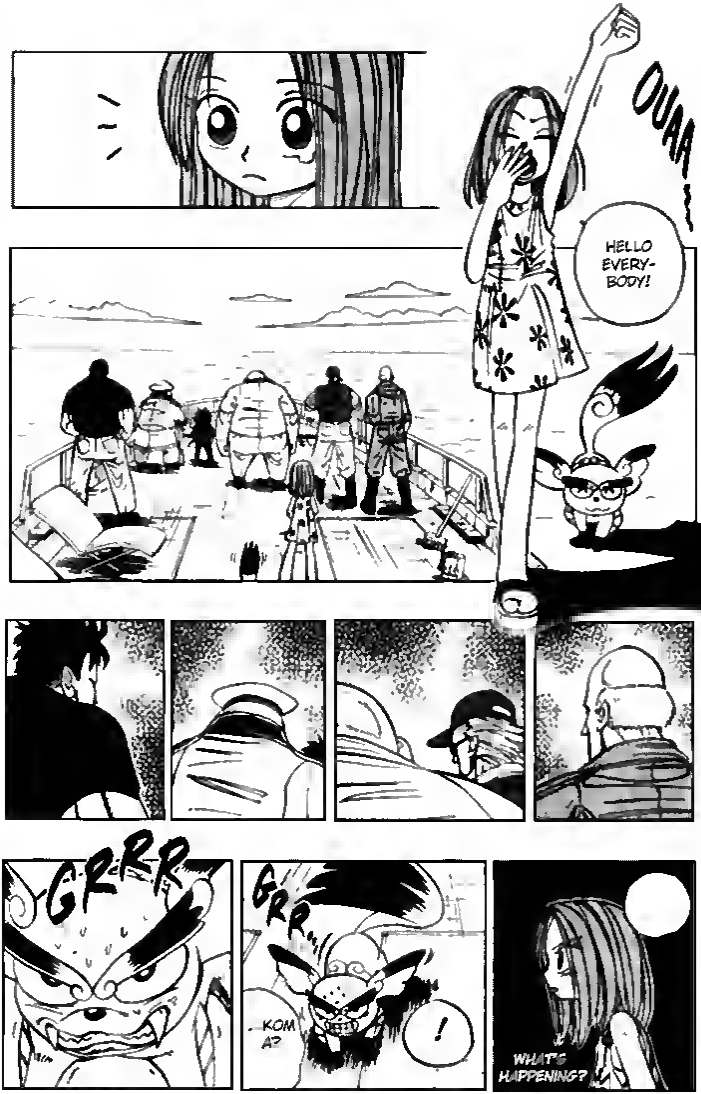

...OF MARA!!

YOU FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN SENDING MIROKOU TO ASIA...
DAMN BUDDHAS...
THE INCARNATION OF THE WORLD OF LUST. THE MASTER OF THE MOST DOWN STATE
CHAJUNND

MIROKOU MUST DIE!!
IT'S UNACCEPTABLE! WE'LL ORGANIZE A GREAT FEAST, AND MIROKOU WILL BE OUR MAIN DISH!
HE HE HE...I'VE ALREADY TAKEN ALL THE NEEDED STEPS...
HAVEN'T I..
BUT, GREAT HAJUNN. THEY ARE IN THE HIGH SEAS. WE CAN'T DO A THING
...ASHURA?!

ASHURA - ONE OF THE EIGHT DISCIPLES OF MARA
YES...
YOU NEED NOT WORRY...
NO BUDDHA COULD COMPARE HIMSELF...
... TO ME.
... HAJUN-SAMA
ALL WILL BE DOMINATED BY MARA...
... SOON.
WE WILL IMPLEMENT ALL WE NEED TO SOON DESTROY THE BUDDHAS!!

"SFX = GRATTE = SCRATCH"


OUAA!
HELLO EVERY-BODY!
GRRR
GRR
KOM A?
!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

HEH
KOMA, DON'T !!
WAF! WAF!
BOM!
!
PAH!
!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY OR...
KOMA!
KYA!
FSSSSSSHH

MIROKOU... YOU'LL DIE!
MARA?!!
SENNJU, HELP!
...
MARA HAS COME BACK!
BLAM
I REALLY THINK YOU'RE CUTE, YOU KNOW... NONETHELESS I STILL HAVE TO KILL YOU!
WHAT ?

YOUR LAST HOUR HAS ARRIVED!!
YAAA AHHH !!!
SBLING
HAH!!
THE ARMOUR OF SENNJU ...!!
... MARA?!

DAMN! THANKS TO YOU, WE MISSED HIM!
HE HE... IT DOESN'T MATTER.
YES... IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. THEY'RE ONLY TWO, AND WE ARE SEVEN !

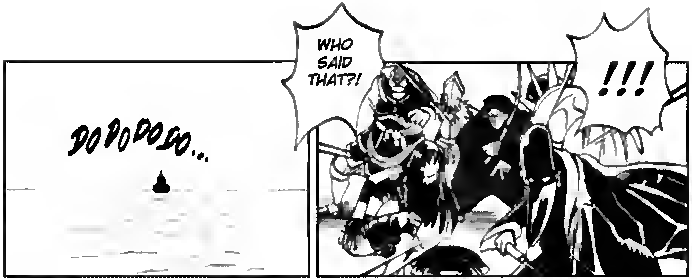
HAH ...
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE OLD THINGS, OVER THERE.
HEH-

WHERE ARE OUR FRIENDS?!!

HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?!
BUTSU-DROIDS?! HERE?!

THOSE ARE THE STATUES OF THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS !!!
WHAT?!
BUT...
THEY ARE...
...IN THOUSANDS OF PIECES ! EVEN FUKUROKU-JU-SAMA !
CRAC
!
WE COULD GET THEM ALL VERY EASILY
AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
HE HE HE HE...
ONCE THEY WERE ALL ASLEEP...
GHH..
HOW COULD YOU DO..

HE HE HE...SENNJ U KANNON...
I'LL SHOW YOU THAT THE BUDHHAS TOO KNOW ANGER!!
VERY WELL, MARA !!
WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T USE YOUR SPECIAL ATTACK MULTIPLE TIMES IN A ROW... HOW DO YOU INTEND TO BEAT US ALL?
WE WILL KILL YOU ALL!! YOU AND MIROKOU!!!
JUST ONE MINUTE !!!
SSA
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CHINA'S SEA. YOU COULD SCREAM, HERE, BUT NO ONE WILL COME TO HELP YOU.


DODODODO...
WHO SAID THAT?!
!!!

LUCKILY ENOUGH I'M HERE TO TAKE CARE OF IT!
DODO.
DODO.
I WAS SURE THAT THERE'D BE SOMETHING HAPPENING TO YOU..

SPLASH
BUTSU-ZONE / END OF VOLUME 1 - TO CONTINUE

AT THE VERY BEGINNING...

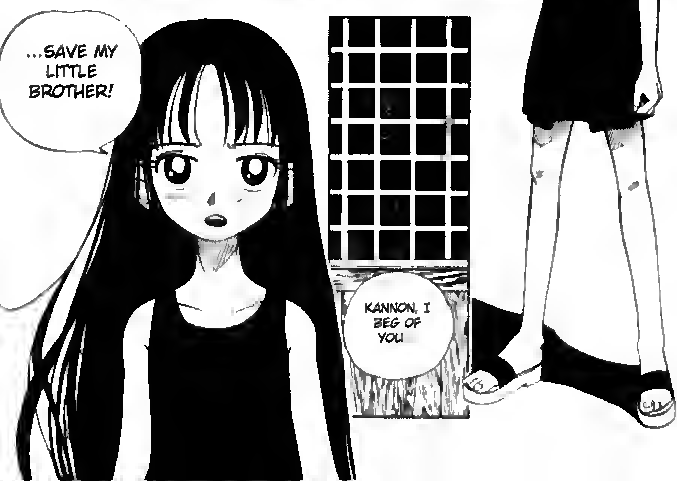
BUTSU-ZONE ZERO

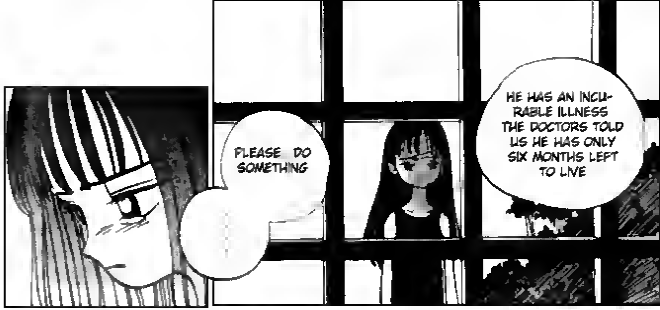
HELLO! I'M SENNJU, AND I AM THE ENVOY OF BODHISATTVAKANNON!

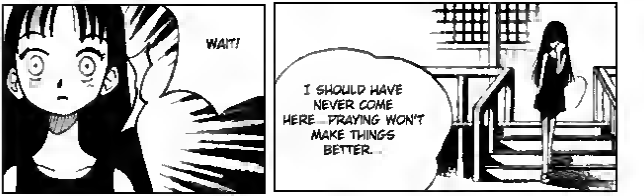
KANNON IS THE BUDDHA WHO TOOK UPON HIMSELF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SAVE MANKIND

HERE IS A BIG SUPPLEMENT TO THE MANGA BUTSU-ZONE. ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED AS A COMPLETE STORY BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE MANGA, THIS EPISODE ALLOW US TO LEARN SOME MORE ABOUT THE DOG-OF-STONE (AS KOMA). IT SHOWS THE SAME CHARACTERS BUT THE PLOT IS DIFFERENT

SPECIAL EPISODE - BUTSU-ZONE




PLEASE... DO SOMETHING
HE HAS AN INCURABLE ILLNESS THE DOCTORS TOLD US HE HAS ONLY SIX MONTHS LEFT TO LIVE


WAIT!
I SHOULD HAVE NEVER COME HERE... PRAYING WON'T MAKE THINGS BETTER...

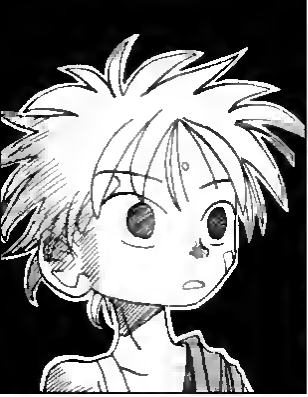
I AM SENNJU... I WAS SENT BY BODHISATTVAKANNON
WHAT?
I'LL SAVE YOUR BROTHER...

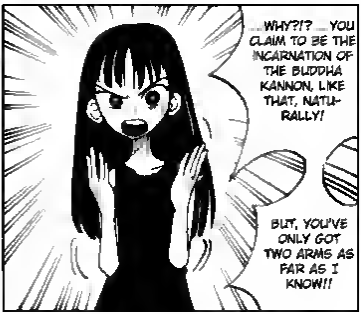
...THE WHAT?!
OHHH OHH!!
FLAP FLAP
I COME FROM THE BUTSU-ZONE...
HE ASKED ME TO COME SAVE YOUR BROTHER

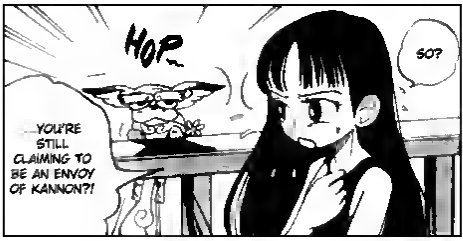
COMPLETE STORY BUTSU-ZONE

YOU REALLY SCARED ME!
I WASN'T EXPECTING TO SEE SOMEONE IN SUCH A PLACE!
AS WELL, YOU HAVE SEVERAL WOUNDS ON YOUR BODY! LUCKILY I ALWAYS HAVE MY FIRST AID KIT WITH ME!
BY THE WAY, WHERE IS THE STATUE THAT WAS ON THE ALTAR?
TAK
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
BUT...
...I AM THE STATUE!

SENNJU KANNON
I TOLD YOU BEFORE! I'M THE ENVOY OF KANNON!
I USED THE POWER OF THE BUTSU-ZONE TO MELT MYSELF WITH THIS STATUE!
THE ONE WHO'LL SAVE MANKIND
TELL ME...
?
NO..?
...AREN'T YOU MAKE FUN OF ME?!
WHY?

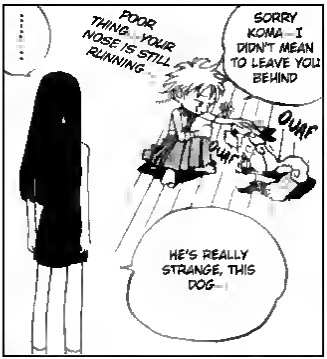


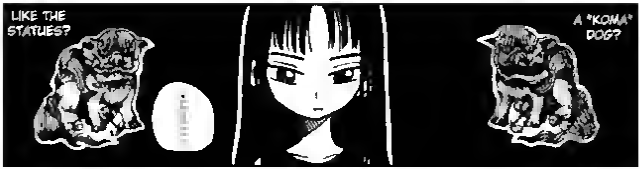

...WHY?!? ... YOU CLAIM TO BE THE INCARNATION OF THE BUDDHA KANNON, LIKE THAT, NATURALLY!
BUT, YOU'VE ONLY GOT TWO ARMS AS FAR AS I KNOW!!


HOP
SO?
...YOU'RE STILL CLAIMING TO BE AN ENVOY OF KANNON?!

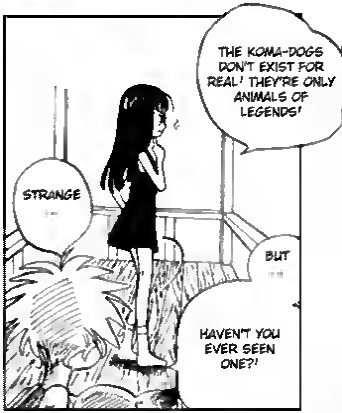
YES

...WHAT?
HE'S MY DOG HE'S CALLED KOMA AND HE'S A DOG-OF-STONE I AM TAKING CARE OF HIM!


.....
POOR THING...YOUR NOSE IS STILL RUNNING
SORRY KOMA...I DIDN'T MEAN TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND
OUAF
OUAF
HE'S REALLY STRANGE, THIS DOG


LIKE THE STATUES?
A "KOMA" DOG?

YEAH, YEAH! AS YOU WISH!
THOSE ARE STATUES! AND UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE, A STATUE IS NOT A LIVING THING!!
AIE AIE
?
AIE AIE AIE AIE AIE


THE KOMA-DOGS DON'T EXIST FOR REAL! THEY'RE ONLY ANIMALS OF LEGENDS!
STRANGE
BUT
HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN ONE?!

AH!

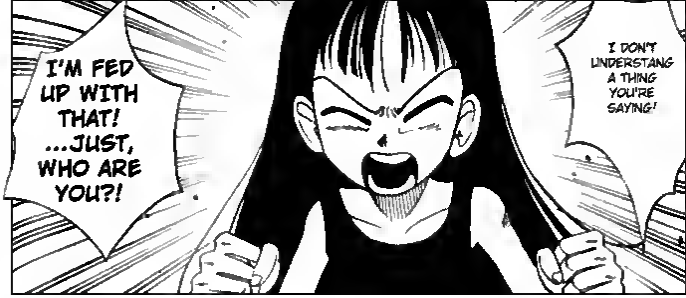
YOU'RE ONLY SAYING STUPIDITIES SINCE YOU'RE HERE!!
IT'S NOT "AS I WISH"!

SNIF

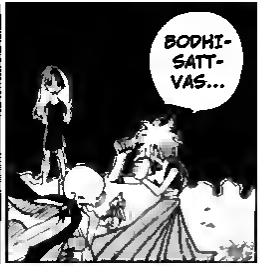
TA DA AH~
!
WHAT NOW?!
WHAT?! A JIZO?
YARAH!
AH!
JIZO?! BUT...

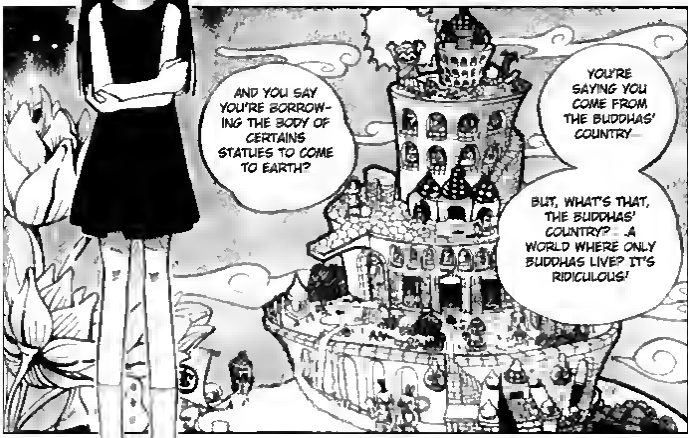
BRAVO! YOU'RE THE KING FOR THAT! YOU ONLY NEED TO APPEAR TO MAKE PEOPLE FAINT!
.....
THE BODHI-SATTVA JIZO
I AM JIZO! ONE OF THE ENVOY OF BODHISATTVA JIZO!
I'M HERE TO TAKE YOU BACK...
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M HERE?
...WHAT?
!
...TO TAKE YOU BACK TO THE BUTSU-ZONE!!
BAKI

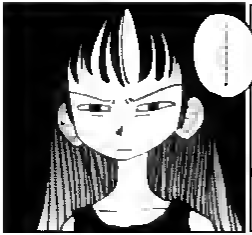
THE RULES, THE PROHIBITIONS, THE PERMISSIONS! IT'S LIKE YOU ONLY KNOW THOSE WORDS!
IN MY OPINION, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS VERY WELL!!
BIG "STONE-HEAD"!!
IT'S CALLED A VIOLATION OF THE ELEMENTARY RULES!
STONE-HEAD?!
CRAC..
YOU CAME TO THE HUMAN WORLD WITHOUT PERMISSION!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!!
YEAH, YEAH...
GAAH
IT'S YOU WHO IS DARING! YOU'RE DENYING THE OBVIOUS!
YOU DARE TO SAY THAT IN FRONT OF ME, GOOD FOR NOTHING!
YOU'RE ONLY A "STONE-HEAD"
YAH!
IF I'M BOTHERING YOU, SAY IT!

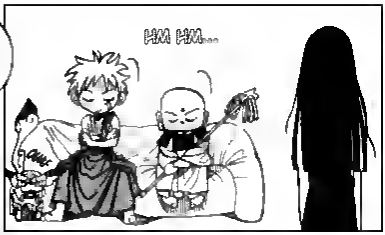

I'M FED UP WITH THAT! ...JUST, WHO ARE YOU?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING YOU'RE SAYING!

I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
CHIN CHIN

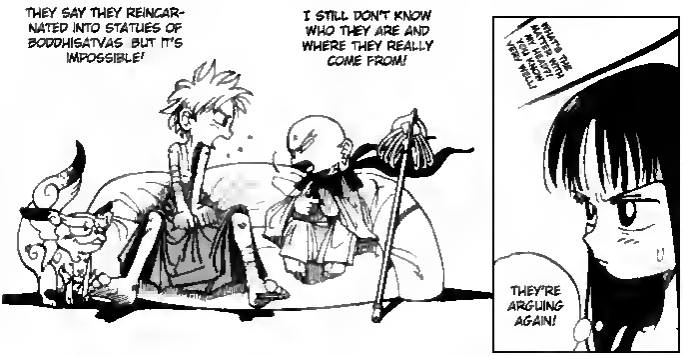

BODHI-SATT-VAS...


AND YOU SAY YOU'RE BORROW-ING THE BODY OF CERTAINS STATUES TO COME TO EARTH?
YOU'RE SAYING YOU COME FROM THE BUDDHAS' COUNTRY
BUT, WHAT'S THAT, THE BUDDHAS' COUNTRY? A WORLD WHERE ONLY BUDDHAS LIVE? IT'S RIDICULOUS!

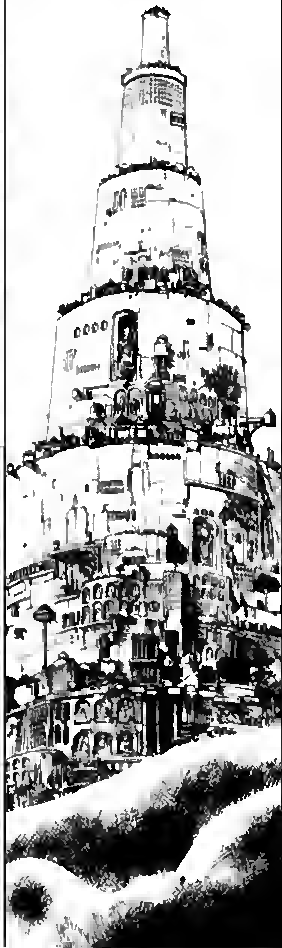



HM HM...

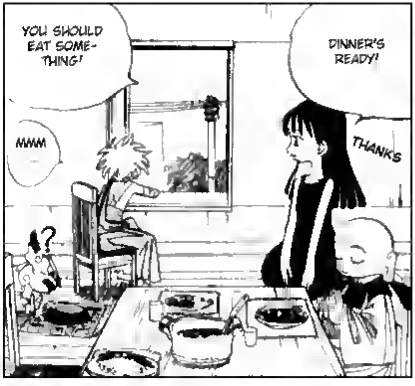
IT SEEMS SO...
SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE US!
MMM...
JIZO I THINK IT'S YOUR HEAD SHE CAN'T GET OVER


THEY SAY THEY REINCARNATED INTO STATUES OF BODDHISATVAS BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WHERE THEY REALLY COME FROM!
THEY'RE ARGUING AGAIN!

IN THE BUDDHAS' COUNTRY / 8000 KM ABOVE MOUNT EVEREST



AS YOU WISH
GO TO THE HUMAN WORLD IMMEDIATELY AND GET RID OF THOSE BODHI-SATTVAS!
GLONG...
NONE CAN BREAK THE LAW OF THE GREAT NYORAI
GLONG...
AIZENN, FAITHFUL SERVANT OF DAI-NICHI-NYORAI...
CRAC
...WILL ONCE MORE FULFILL HIS OFFICE



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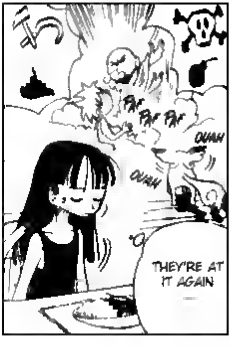

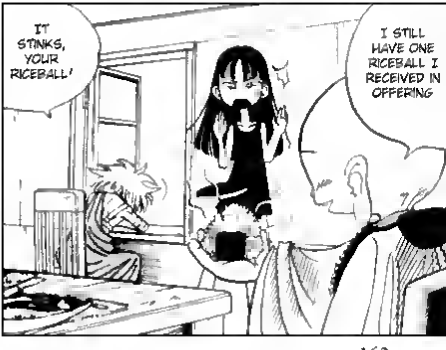

YOU GOT SOME SERIOUS WOUNDS... I'M SURPRISED YOU MANAGED TO GET OUT OF IT WITH ONLY TWO ARMS
...

YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE STILL ALIVE YOU KNOW!
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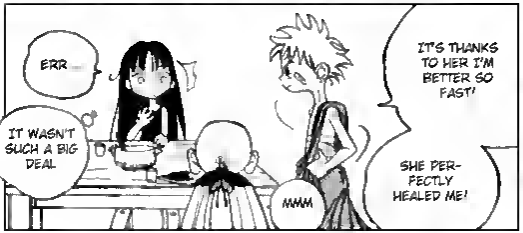
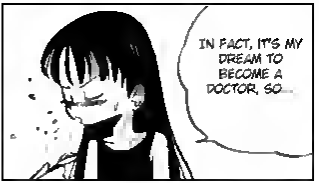
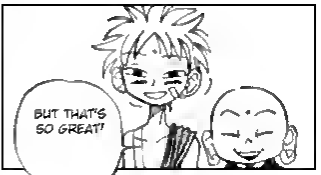
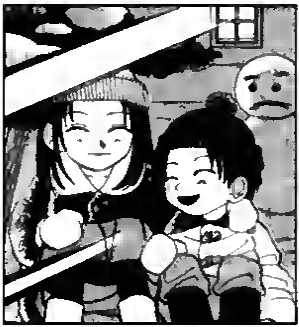

ERR...
IT WASN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL
MMM
IT'S THANKS TO HER I'M BETTER SO FAST!
SHE PERFECTLY HEALED ME!

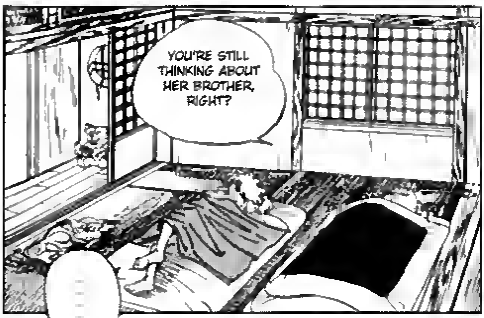
NO! IT'S NOT GREAT AT ALL!
!


IN FACT, IT'S MY DREAM TO BECOME A DOCTOR, SO...


BUT THAT'S SO GREAT!

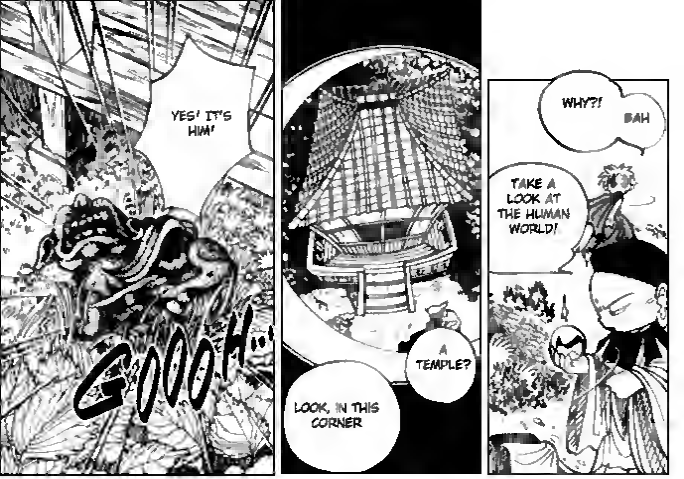


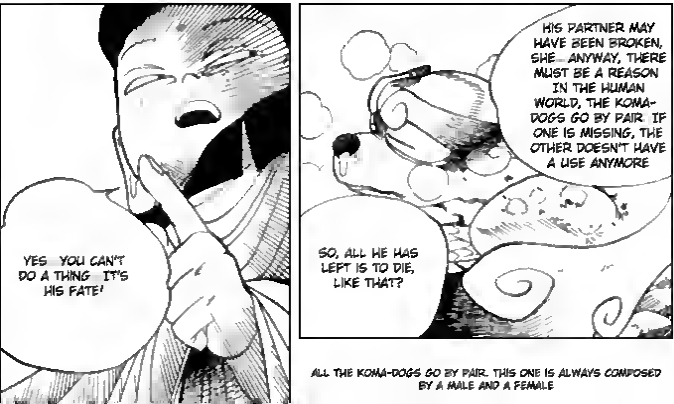
IT'S BECAUSE MY LITTLE BROTHER HAS AN ILLNESS...
...THAT NO ONE CAN HEAL


YOU'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT HER BROTHER, RIGHT?

I KNOW THAT OUR DUTY, TO US, THE BODDHISATVAS, IS TO SAVE OTHERS
BUT
!
KNOWING YOU, YOU DECIDED TO SAVE HIM. RIGHT?
WE CAN'T OPPOSE IT, IT'S THE RULE. A RULE WHICH HAS ALWAYS EXISTED IN THE BUDDHAS' COUNTRY
THE ILLNESS HER BROTHER HAS...IT'S LINKED TO HIS FATE
MY POOR KOMA...
THE RULES!
I TOO AM SAD FOR HER. BUT WE CAN'T DO A THING... WE WILL BE GOING HOME TOMORROW
DON'T TRY ANYTHING STUPID BEFORE THEN...

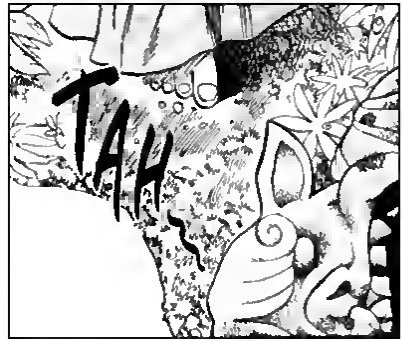
BUDDHA'S WORLD
LOCATED 8000 KM ABOVE MOUNT EVEREST
PFFF... I'M TIRED. IF ONLY OUR SCHOOL COULD COME TO ME
HAT FOR THE SCHOOL
HEY!
LOOK OVER THERE!
STOP PLAYING THE SPOILED CHILD!
QUICK! WE HAVE TO HELP HIM!
TAH
DON'T GO, IMBECILE!
IT'S A KOMA-DOG DYING!! THE POOR THING!!
SNIF
SNIF
YES... IT'S KINDA RARE TO A SEE DOG-OF-STONE AROUND HERE...




YES YOU CAN'T DO A THING IT'S HIS FATE!
SO, ALL HE HAS LEFT IS TO DIE, LIKE THAT?
HIS PARTNER MAY HAVE BEEN BROKEN, SHE... ANYWAY, THERE MUST BE A REASON IN THE HUMAN WORLD, THE KOMA-DOGS GO BY PAIR IF ONE IS MISSING, THE OTHER DOESN'T HAVE A USE ANYMORE

ALL THE KOMA-DOGS GO BY PAIR. THIS ONE IS ALWAYS COMPOSED BY A MALE AND A FEMALE

CHHH!

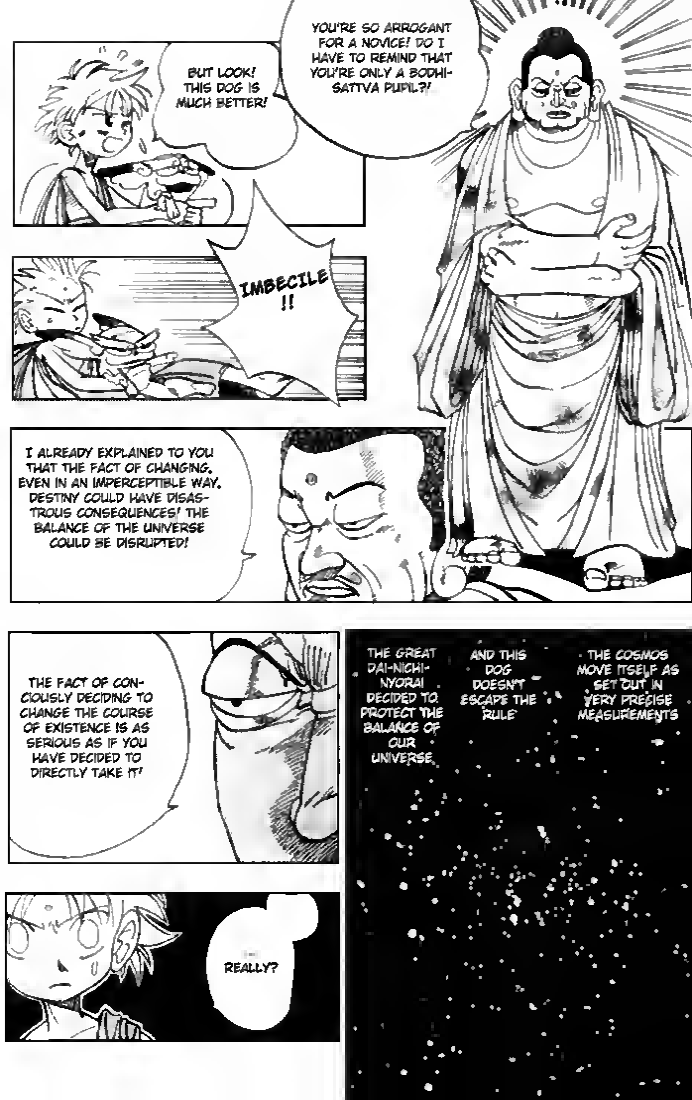

TAH

WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO HELP HIM! ...NOW, WE HAVE TO HURRY UP OTHERWISE WE WILL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL
AND ANYWAY

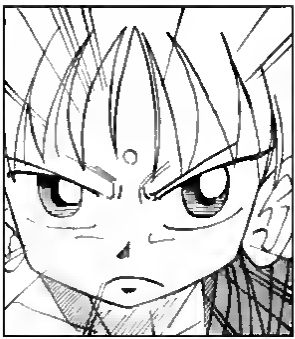
BUT

THIS KOMA DOESN'T REALLY DESERVE LOOK LIKE THIS
WANT STOP DIS

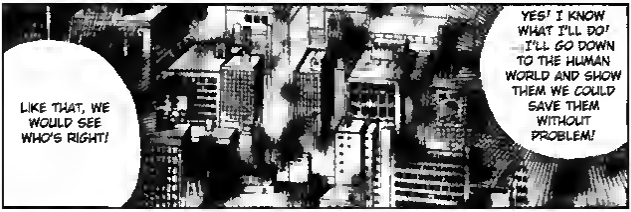
HERE, IT'S MY HOME. IF YOU STAY INSIDE THE HOUSE, NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF ANYMORE
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN INTERVENE IN THE COURSE OF DESTINY AT WILL?!
HAMM
IMBECILE! YOU'RE COMPLETELY OUT OF YOUR MIND!
SPAF


YOU'RE SO ARROGANT FOR A NOVICE! DO I HAVE TO REMIND THAT YOU'RE ONLY A BODHI-SATTVA PUPIL?!
BUT LOOK! THIS DOG IS MUCH BETTER!
IMBECILE !!
I ALREADY EXPLAINED TO YOU THAT THE FACT OF CHANGING, EVEN IN AN IMPERCEPTIBLE WAY, DESTINY COULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES! THE BALANCE OF THE UNIVERSE COULD BE DISRUPTED!
THE FACT OF CONSCIOUSLY DECIDING TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF EXISTENCE IS AS SERIOUS AS IF YOU HAVE DECIDED TO DIRECTLY TAKE IT!
REALLY?
THE GREAT DAI-NICHI-NYORAI DECIDED TO PROTECT THE BALANCE OF OUR UNIVERSE
AND THIS DOG DOESN'T ESCAPE THE RULE
THE COSMOS MOVE ITSELF AS SET OUT IN VERY PRECISE MEASUREMENTS

SO I DECIDED TO TEMPORARILY CONFISCATE...
—YOUR ARMOR OF KANNON!
YES
SAH!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!
FOR NOW YOU'RE GOING TO MEDITATE FOR SOME TIME IN JAIL.
NO! I BEG OF YOU!
SENNJU
FFFFF...

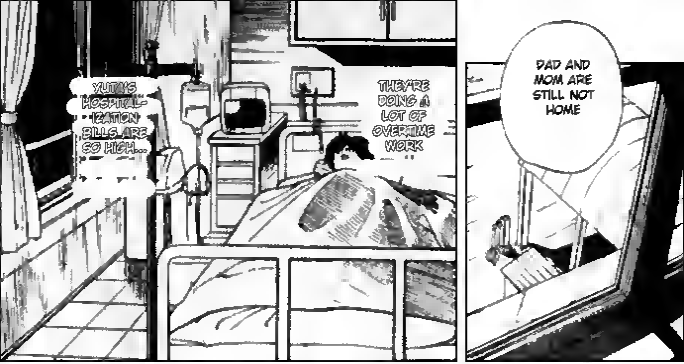


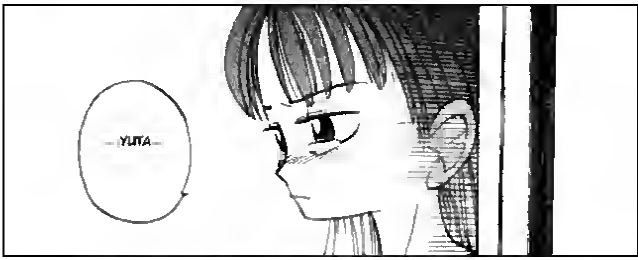
HE SAID THAT WE HAVE TO MATCH TO WHAT IS WRITTEN IN OUR FATE... BUT THEN THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO DO?! WHAT USE ARE WE THEN?!

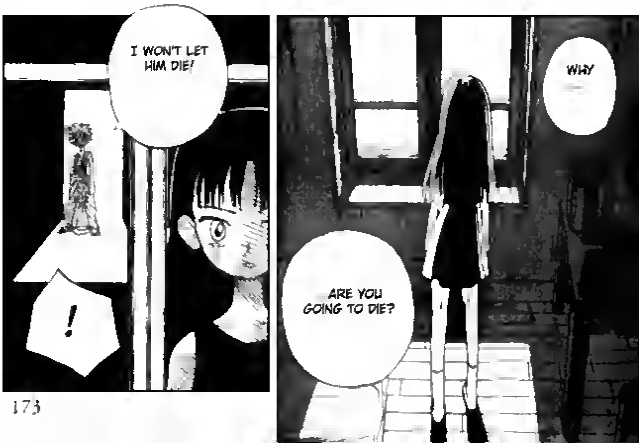

LIKE THAT, WE WOULD SEE WHO'S RIGHT!
YES! I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL GO DOWN TO THE HUMAN WORLD AND SHOW THEM WE COULD SAVE THEM WITHOUT PROBLEM!

FHH...

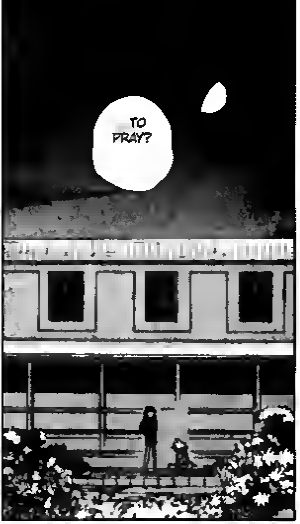
IT'S ALREADY LATE...


YUTA'S HOSPITALIZATION BILLS ARE SO HIGH...
THEY'RE DOING A LOT OF OVERTIME WORK
DAD AND MOM ARE STILL NOT HOME


YUTA

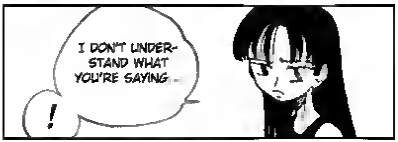

I WON'T LET HIM DIE!
!
WHY
ARE YOU GOING TO DIE?

I ALREADY TOLD YOU! I WON'T LET YOUR BROTHER DIE!
I AM SENNJU KANNON! THE EMISSARY OF THE ONE WHO SAVES ALL BEINGS WITHOUT EXCEPTION!
SENNJU
STOP SAYING THAT
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM... NO ONE CAN. HIS ILLNESS IS REALLY INCURABLE...
!
GET OUT! LEAVE ME!
EVERYTHING I DO IS USELESS! NO USE AT ALL!


TO PRAY?

YOU MUST NOT GIVE UP! YOU SPENT SO MUCH ENERGY TO MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!
BESIDES...

IF YOU LOSE HOPE, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PRAY, AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU...


I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...
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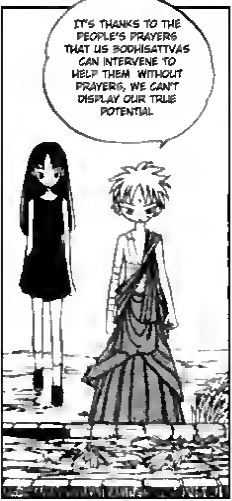

IT'S THANKS TO THE PEOPLE'S PRAYERS THAT US BODHISATTVAS CAN INTERVENE TO HELP THEM. WITHOUT PRAYERS, WE CAN'T DISPLAY OUR TRUE POTENTIAL.

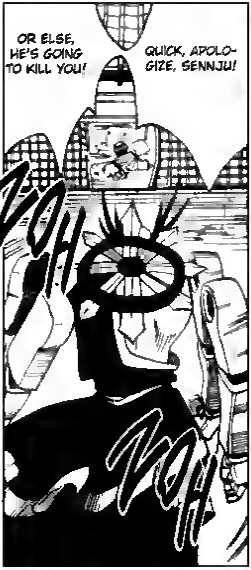
HE'S PRAYING?!

LOOK AT THESE FLOWERS... THEY WILL REBLOS-SOM
...
WHAT?!

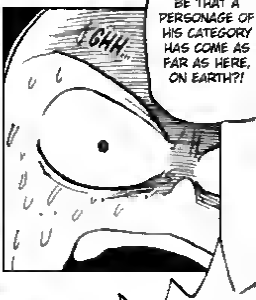
HE REALLY LOOKS LIKE A BODHISATTVA...
IT'S INCREDIBLE! HE JUST CONCENTRATED A BIT...AND THIS EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE
NOW, IT'S YOUR BROTHER'S TURN...
LET'S GO SEE HIM AT THE HOSPITAL
SENNJU... ERR, YOU...
WELL...
DIE!

BAH
!!
BUT...
BLING
WHAT THE...
WAAAH H!!
WHAT?!?
BOM

IT'S THE GREAT KING AIZENN! GUARDIAN OF THE LAW!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?!


OR ELSE, HE'S GOING TO KILL YOU!
QUICK, APOLOGIZE, SENNJU!
ZOH
ZOH

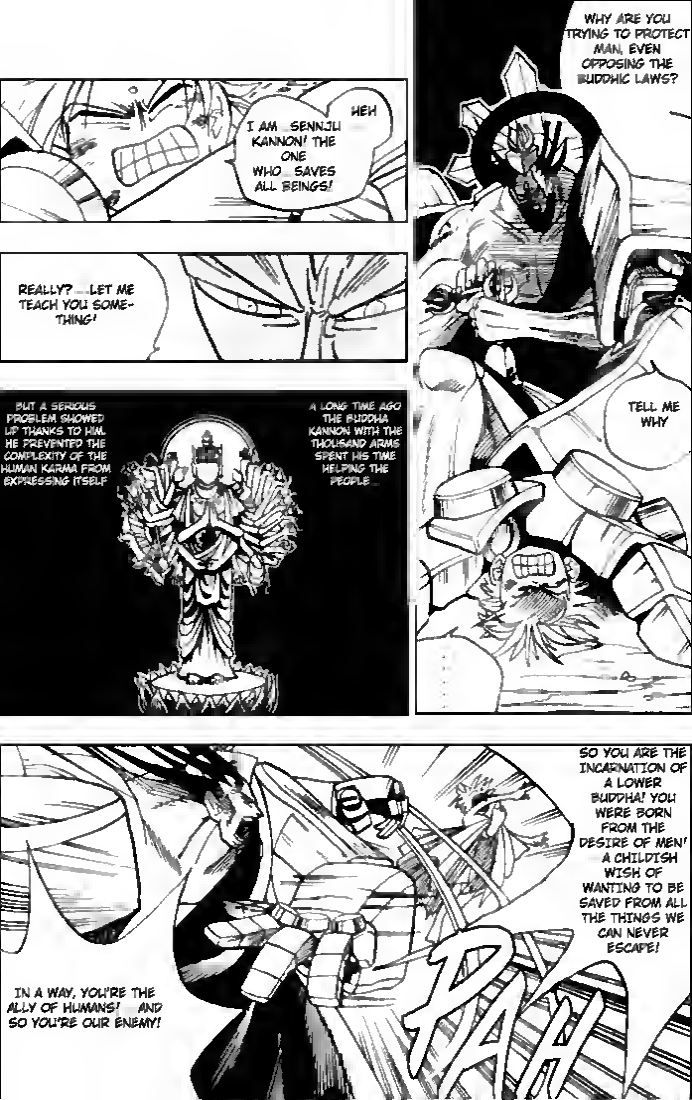
WHO IS IT?


HOW COULD IT BE THAT A PERSONAGE OF HIS CATEGORY HAS COME AS FAR AS HERE, ON EARTH?!
GHH

THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF PUNISHING ALL THOSE WHO CONTRAVENE WITH BUDDHIC LAW, AND FIGHT CONSTANTLY AGAINST BUDHHA'S ENEMIES
THE GREAT GUARDIAN KINGS OF THE LAW ARE UNDER THE DIRECT PROTECTION OF THE GREAT NYORAI

HEY!
NEVER!
TAH

I SAID THAT I'D SAVE HER BROTHER, SO I'LL SAVE HIM!!
YOU'RE ONLY A POOR MADMAN!
SHAA
IMBECILE! STOP IT!
DO DO DO
YOU'RE ONLY A BODHISATTVA APPRENTICE! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD COMPARE YOURSELF TO ME, ONE OF THE GUARDIAN KINGS OF THE LAW?!!
VAH
GAAH GH H! ...


WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO PROTECT MAN, EVEN OPPOSING THE BUDDHIC LAWS?
TELL ME WHY
A LONG TIME AGO THE BUDDHA KANNON WITH THE THOUSAND ARMS SPENT HIS TIME HELPING THE PEOPLE...
BUT A SERIOUS PROBLEM SHOWED UP THANKS TO HIM. HE PREVENTED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE HUMAN KARMA FROM EXPRESSING ITSELF
HEH
I AM SENNJU KANNON! THE ONE WHO SAVES ALL BEINGS!
REALLY? ...LET ME TEACH YOU SOME-THING!
SO YOU ARE THE INCARNATION OF A LOWER BUDDHA! YOU WERE BORN FROM THE DESIRE OF MEN! A CHILDISH WISH OF WANTING TO BE SAVED FROM ALL THE THINGS WE CAN NEVER ESCAPE!
IN A WAY, YOU'RE THE ALLY OF HUMANS! ... AND SO YOU'RE OUR ENEMY!
PAH

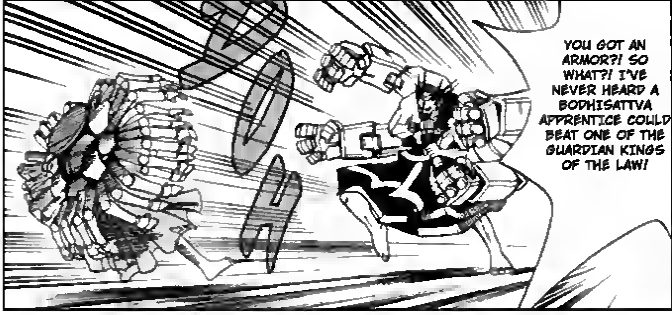
IF WE DON'T DO A THING, SENNJU WILL BE KILLED!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS PERSONAGE IS, BUT HIS BIG MECHANICAL ARMS WILL KILL SENNJU IN ONE BLOW!
STOP! IT'S DANGEROUS TO APPROACH AN ANGRY NYO-O!
!
...
SENNJU!
IT'S A SPECIAL ARMOR, ALL THE REPRESENTATIONS OF BUDDHA WHO ARE DRESSED UP WITH SEVERAL ARMS, HEADS, OR LEGS GET ONE OF THOSE...
DAH DAH
AN ARMOR?!
DAH DAH
DAH
?
BUT SENNJU TOO HAS SEVERAL ARMS! SO, WHY DOESN'T HE HAVE AN ARMOR?!

SENNJU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
...
NO!!
HURRY UP AND APOLOGIZE TO AIZENN!!
OH, YOU REALLY HAVE A THICK HEAD! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE RISK TO DEFINITELY CHANGE DESTINY?!
BAH
NEVER!
NO ONE CAN AVOID SUFFERING! YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SAVE ALL THE HUMANS!
BAH

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO UNDERSTAND, I'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU
GULP...
DOH
SENNJU... STOP IT...
!
SO, IT'S NOT A GOOD THING TO SAVE PEOPLE? I PROMISED TO SAVE THIS LITTLE BOY!
AND NEXT, I'LL SAVE ANOTHER PERSON ..AND ANOTHER AGAIN!
WHAT?
THIS "WHEEL-OF-PURE-LIGHT" WILL FINISH OFF YOUR RESIS-TANCE
!
TH!

I'LL SAVE THEM ALL! ALL, UNTIL THE LAST! ...IT'S MY ONLY REASON TO GO ON!
PAH
AOH.
SENNJU
I CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE...MY BODY HAS GONE NUMB...
FOOL! SINCE YOU DON'T WANT TO UNDERSTAND A THING, DIE!
FLASH

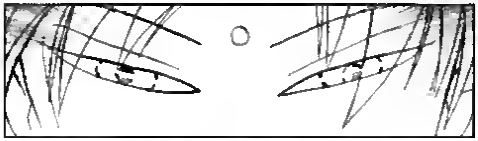
WHAT ?!
WHAT?!
ZZAAH
IT'S THE ARMOR OF SENNJU...
BUT...
JIZO ...
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD STEAL IT AWAY...
....LUCKILY I'M HERE TO WATCH OVER YOU!
I WAS AFRAID THAT THIS KIND OF THING WOULD HAPPEN...SO I BROUGHT IT ALONG, JUST IN CASE
HEH


YOU GOT AN ARMOR?! SO WHAT?! I'VE NEVER HEARD A BODHISATTVA APPRENTICE COULD BEAT ONE OF THE GUARDIAN KINGS OF THE LAW!

WHAT?!
THIS POWER...!

PAF

I BEG OF YOU, DON'T LOSE!!
SENNJU !!



THE THOUSAND FISTS OF BUDDHA KANNON
BUDDHA KANNON, I IMPLORE YOU! SO MY ARMS STRIKE ALL BY UNISON

KA-H...!!
VICTORY!
I SEE
YOU WON BECAUSE YOUR ARMOR USED THE DEEP PRAYER OF THIS GIRL...SHE PRAYED AS IF HER LIFE WAS ON THE LINE...
HMM
BUT DON'T EVER FORGET THAT COMPASSION ALONE ISN'T ENOUGH TO SAVE ALL MEN!

YES YOU CAME TO HELP ME WHEN I MOST NEEDED IT I THANK YOU FOR THAT
FINALLY, BY BRINGING ALONG YOUR ARMOR, I HELPED YOU!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?
AAHH, YES
BUT NOW, THANKS TO THAT, I TOO AM INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER!!
AND YOU ALREADY SAVED ONE!
WE ONLY HAVE TO GO ALL OVER THE WORLD, IN ORDER TO SAVE ALL THE LIVING BEINGS!
IT'S OUR DUTY! AREN'T WE BODHISATTVAS?
BUTSU-ZONE / SPECIAL EPISODE - END